

Policy Code: 3102 Online Instruction

A. Online Instruction Generally

The Wake County Board of Education recognizes that online instruction can be a valuable tool for affording students extended educational options. The board will provide opportunities for students to participate in online instruction to the extent that it is academically and financially prudent.

Graduation credit must be earned through the high school except as outlined in North Carolina State Board of Education policy. Enrollment in a district-approved online for credit course will count toward satisfying board requirements related to minimum instructional days, seat time policies, student attendance, and athletic and/or extracurricular obligations.

A student, with the principal's prior approval, may enroll in a district-approved online course with assistance from the school's online learning advisor. The principal shall appoint a designee at the school to serve as the online learning advisor, who will be responsible for coordinating the enrollment of students in online courses, monitoring students' progress in those courses, and supervising any required testing. In addition, the principal shall ensure that a plan is in place for supporting students enrolled in district-approved credit recovery courses throughout the semester.

B. Remote Instruction

When warranted by an emergency situation and where authorized by law, the superintendent may temporarily direct schools, in full or in part, to conduct classes remotely [for up to five remote instruction days or thirty remote instruction hours during an emergency situation](#), with the understanding that ongoing remote instruction requires Board approval.

In the event that the superintendent directs schools to conduct classes remotely, the superintendent shall notify the Board of the decision and supporting rationale as soon as practicable and before announcing the decision to employees, students, and parents or guardians. Board policies remain in effect during periods of remote instruction, except that the Board reserves the right to deviate from any policy when adherence is impossible or impractical under the circumstances and the deviation is not inconsistent with law. To the extent practicable or when required by law, affected employees, students, and parents or guardians will be notified of the change in advance. For purposes of this policy, an "emergency situation" includes a natural disaster, inclement weather, public health emergency, [energy shortage, power failures](#), or other situation that threatens the health and safety of employees, students, or the community.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-84.3](#); [-238.85](#); State Board of Education Policy [CCRE-001](#)

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