

**INSTRUCTION**

K-12 Online Learning Policy

The Helena Public Schools Board of Trustees recognizes, and values quality instruction provided to students on campus by Montana licensed educators. Helena Public Schools campus-based education, serves as the primary and preferred source of instruction for most Helena students.

The Board further recognizes that for some students, online learning is an appropriate supplemental or alternative means to provide quality educational services.

In order for a student to receive credit online learning courses must be taught by Montana licensed and endorsed instructors and courses must be aligned with the Montana state content standards.

The District may charge students a reasonable fee for an online course or activity not required for graduation. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to waive the fee in cases of financial hardship. Any courses the District does not pay for will not be included in the ANB calculation.

Legal References:	§ 20-7-1201, MCA	Montana Digital Academy
	§ 20-7-1202, MCA	Funding – Rulemaking authority
	§ 20-9-214, MCA	Fees
	§ 20-9-311, MCA	Calculation of average number belonging (ANB) – three-year averaging

**Cross References:**

Policy History:

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