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3 **INSTRUCTION**

4
5 Distance, Online, and Technology-Delivered Learning

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7 **For purposes of this policy, “distance learning” is defined as:**

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9 Instruction in which students and teachers are separated by time and/or location with synchronous
10 or asynchronous content, instruction, and communication between student and teacher (e.g.,
11 correspondence courses, online learning, video conferencing, streaming video).
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13 **The District may receive and/or provide distance, online, and technology-delivered learning**
14 **programs, provided the following requirements are met:**

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16 1. The distance, online, and technology-delivered learning programs and/or courses shall
17 meet the learner expectations adopted by the District and be aligned with state content and
18 performance standards as determined by means of the local review and adoption process
19 as described in ARM 10.55.603;
- 20 2. The District shall provide a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, documenting
21 how it is meeting the needs of students under the accreditation standards, who are taking a
22 majority of courses during each grading period via distance, online, and/ or technology-
23 delivered programs;
- 24 3. The District will provide qualified instructors and/or facilitators as described in ARM
25 10.55.907(3)(a)(b)(c);
- 26 4. The District will ensure that the distance, online, and technology-delivered learning
27 facilitators receive in-service training on technology-delivered instruction as described in
28 ARM 10.55.907(3)(d); and
- 29 5. The District will comply with all other standards as described in ARM 10.55.907(4)(5)(a-
30 e).
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32 In order to provide flexibility in scheduling and a greater variety of learning experiences, the
33 District will permit a student to enroll in approved distance learning courses.

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35 All distance learning courses offered through GFPS will be considered 90 hours per semester or
36 180 hours per year.
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38 **Credit for distance learning courses may be granted, provided the following requirements**
39 **are met:**

- 40 1. Prior permission has been granted by the student’s parent/guardian.
41 2. The program fits within the student’s educational plan for graduation.
42 3. Credit for a particular course will be granted only for schools and institutions approved by
43 the District.

1 The District will not be obligated to pay for a student's distance learning courses.

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3 Cross Reference:

- 4 Policy 2100 School Year Calendar and Day
5 Policy 2120 Curriculum Development and Assessment
6 Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements
7 Policy 2410R Publication of Graduation Requirements

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9 Legal Reference:

- 10 ARM 10.55.602 Definitions
11 ARM 10.55.603 Curriculum and Assessment
12 ARM 10.55.705 Administrative Personnel; Assignment of School Administrators/Principals
13 ARM 10.55.713(c) Teacher Load and Class Size
14 ARM 10.55.906 High School Credit
15 ARM 10.55.907 Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered learning
16 § 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA Calculation of Average number Belonging

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18 Policy History:

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