

Extended Learning Opportunity

The district may grant pass/fail elective credit to students whose work experience provides sufficient evidence of participation in one of the six career related learning areas. Before granting credit, the district will require a student to provide documentation of accountability, with regard to the extended learning opportunity (ELO), in the form of monthly progress reports, time sheets, daily journal entries, and a final presentation. Completion of the ELO will be to the satisfaction of the site coordinator, demonstrating a level of participation that meets or exceeds district academic standards.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide opportunities to students allowing them to broaden and enrich their learning experience outside the normal classroom environment. This policy allows Helix School District to:

1. Offer flexibility as we meet each student's diverse needs, interests, and levels and rate of learning;
2. Create additional options for students based on Oregon's high standards and broad accountability system;
3. Empower and encourage local decision making and creativity.

Extended learning opportunities are defined as structured student activities in the community, the workplace, or in school that connect academic content and career-related learning to real life applications. These experiences extend, reinforce and support classroom learning. They include, but are not limited to:

1. Workplace mentoring;
2. Workplace simulations;
3. School-based enterprises;
4. Structured work experiences;
5. Cooperative work and study programs;
6. On-the-job training;
7. Apprenticeship programs;
8. Service learning; and

9. Field-based investigations.

Criteria

A high school student may receive elective quarter credit based on the length of the experience and the completion of required steps as outlined in the Extended Learning Opportunity Program Process outline.

Guidelines

The district recognizes that prior learning and work experience may provide learning that will be useful to the student's current education and future career. The district encourages career development counseling and supports a student's decision to pursue career education.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.885](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.177](#)
[ORS 336.615 - 336.665](#)

[OAR 581-022-0102](#)
[OAR 581-022-1130](#)
[OAR 581-022-1131](#)
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)
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