

Online Education for Students

The district supports online education as a viable methodology for delivering instruction and program enrichment through a joint venture through a contracted online program.

All teachers working with students in the online program will be highly qualified in the subject area they are teaching. Teachers offering instruction must hold a current license from the employing state or from Oregon and pass a nationally recognized basic skills test. NSSD teachers may apply to assist students who are taking online classes, or a highly qualified teacher online teacher will be assigned to the student. Students will have access to teachers through phone and email and the teacher will connect with the student at least once a week to answer questions and assist in moving the student forward toward completion of the course.

Students will be under the governance of Stayton High School and when on campus attending regular classes or attending co-curricular activities will be required to abide by the rules listed in the student handbook. Students can earn the required 24 credits for a state diploma either by full online classes or a combination of online and regular classes. The 24 credits required are described in policy IKF/IKFC and AR - Graduation Requirements. Once completed, the student will receive a diploma and will be eligible to participate in the next scheduled commencement exercises for Stayton High School.

Online students shall meet with their mentor and a counselor before each semester to choose classes that will put them on track for graduation over a four year period of time. Students will be encouraged to take at least six (6) classes per semester to be on track for the 24 credit state diploma. Students shall be required to login to each enrolled course at least two times a week in order to stay on track to complete and pass the course over an 18 week period of time.

Online students are typically students that were enrolled in the area online charter school or students that have been home schooled in the past and want to continue with their schooling in a “home” environment. Hardship cases will be looked at on a case by case basis to figure out the best way to serve the student and the parents. The administration will decide the alternative placement of students based on student needs, attendance, and past history of work and credit completion. If a student and their parent decide to take on-line coursework without the recommendation of the administration, they will be responsible for the actual cost of the class (including the teacher) prior to enrollment in the course. If the student completes and passes the class within the allotted time frame, their payment will be fully refunded.

Online students may take up to one-half day of regular coursework at Stayton High School and may participate in extra-curricular activities such as choir, drama, band or sports.

All “core subject” online classes are provided at no cost to the student who is placed in the coursework by the administration. Materials and books needed for coursework may be checked out from the district for all core classes.

The cost for any Advanced Placement (AP) classes including books and materials will be the responsibility of the student and parent, should they chose to take one of the many offerings.

AP classes may be college certified with credits that cross over into colleges across the nation. AP and language classes not available in the regular schedule are available to all SHS students as an “at home on-line course” with costs varying from class to class. It is suggested that parents research the classes and discuss the possibility of college credit with the college counselor where their child plans to attend before enrolling in the **AP** class. Refunds for AP and language classes are not available after 10 days.

Students enrolled in a private school may take on-line coursework for the actual cost of the course including teacher costs. Payment shall be made prior to enrollment in the course.