

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The Columbia Local School District provides educational options to meet specialized student needs and interests under Rule 3301-35-02(c) of the Ohio Operating Standards for Elementary and Secondary Schools. Such options include, but are not limited to:

1. Correspondence courses (seniors)
2. Educational travel
3. Independent study
4. Mentor programs
5. Tutorial programs
6. Summer school courses
7. Armed Forces courses
8. Distance learning courses
9. Evening school courses
10. Study abroad programs

Correspondence courses, summer school courses, and tutorial programs will earn credit and will be included in the GPA.

Educational travel, independent study, mentor programs, study abroad programs, and Armed Forces courses will earn credit, but will not be included in the GPA unless the clock hours spent on the project are sixty hours or greater.

Distance learning courses arranged by the school or approved by the school will earn credit and will be included in the GPA.

Advanced Placement courses will earn credit and will be included in the GPA.

Students enrolled in courses identified as “pilot programs” will have the option of taking the entire course on a graded basis or pass/fail basis. Courses taken on a graded basis shall be included in the GPA; courses taken on a pass/fail basis shall not be included in the GPA.

All failed courses increase the divisor by a number of failed courses, when determining the GPA.

Credit may be earned in several curricular areas approved by the Local Superintendent. Experiences of this type will create opportunities for students to move from the field back to the classroom.

The maximum amount of credit earned from all educational options (except Armed Forces courses) to be applied toward the meeting of graduation requirements shall be six units. No more than four of the six credits may be taken from the list of required units for graduation.

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