

## VIRTUAL/ON-LINE COURSES

The board recognizes that on-line coursework may be a good alternative for students to not only meet graduation requirements, but also have the opportunity to take advanced or other courses not offered by the school district.

Virtual credits at North Scott High School are defined as those credits earned in a nontraditional classroom through the use of technology. High school students can earn, at the most, six virtual credits to be applied toward graduation requirements. No more than one year of course work (2 credits) in a content area can be taken virtually for credit unless approved by the administration.

Virtual classes include:

- Credit Recovery
- Correspondence Courses
- On-Line Courses

Credit from an on-line or virtual course may be earned only in the following circumstances, unless approved by administration:

- The course is not offered at the high school;
- Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict that would keep the student from meeting graduation requirements;
- The course will serve as a supplement to extend homebound instruction;
- The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued;
- The principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents, determines the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment; or
- The course will serve as an opportunity for credit recovery.

Students wanting to take a virtual course must meet with their school counselor and receive approval to participate. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8 (2013)  
281 I.A.C. 15

Cross Reference: 501.6 Student Transfers In  
505.6 Graduation Requirements  
605.6 Internet Appropriate Use

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