

Extended Learning Opportunities

The Londonderry School Board permits extended learning opportunities as a means of meeting the diverse instructional needs of students with different talents, interests, and development. Under administrative rules and regulations of said policy, such opportunities may provide credit under provisions of the 24 credit policy for regular high school diplomas/20 credit policy for for Adult Ed. or supplement regular academic courses. Credits can be granted for extended learning activities including independent study, internships, and other courses approved by the LHS Principal and/or designee. The following procedures apply for students seeking approval for extended learning opportunities:

Application

Students seeking extended learning opportunities with LHS Faculty may apply at any time prior to its beginning. They should see the LHS Guidance Director for the Independent/Directed Study/Online Virtual Application Form (Appendix A). For students seeking extended learning opportunities in Physical Education or Art of Writing, students should request the content specific application form to complete (Appendix B & C). Students interested in participating in internships must complete the Student Internship Application Form (Appendix D).

For students seeking Adult Education credit towards their graduation requirements must:

1. See the Adult Education Coordinator to register for evening classes during fall and spring semester (Appendix E).
2. If evening classes are available, the student may enroll in these classes.
3. If additional credits are needed beyond day and evening classes, the student may seek out the LHS Guidance Director for extended learning opportunities in Physical Education or Art of Writing. These particular extended learning opportunities cannot count toward or fulfill required courses for graduation.

Approval

Upon completion of the application form as well as teacher and parent approval, the LHS Guidance Director will sign the form and the extended learning opportunity will be approved. For adult education, upon completion of registration and conference, the Adult Education Coordinator will approve enrollment pending class availability.

Appeals Process

Students wishing to appeal the decision of the Guidance Director or Adult Education Coordinator may do so in writing to the Principal. The Principal's decision is final.

Administrative Supervision and Oversight

All extended learning opportunities such as independent study, internships, and other courses approved for credit must be aligned with the school's educational goals and objectives and must be supervised by administration and supported by certified personnel in order to meet federal requirements of Highly Qualified Teachers provisions of the No Child Left Behind Law.

Limits on the Number of Approved Extended Learning Opportunities

The following limits on the amount of credit of approved learning opportunities that can be administered each year – school-wide and per student:

1. For students obtaining the 24 credit diploma, extended learning opportunities are limited to no more than four credits.
2. Students are limited to a maximum of two credits per year and not more than four credits for the 24 credit diploma.
3. For students obtaining the 20 credit Adult Education diploma, extended learning opportunities are limited to no more than three credits.
4. Students are limited to a maximum of two credits per year and not more than three credits for the 20 credit Adult Education Diploma.

Compliance with state and federal laws pertaining to minors

All approved extended learning opportunities at LHS must comply with all state and federal laws pertaining to minors.

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