

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Tolland, Connecticut**

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**BOARD POLICY**

**REGARDING: ON-LINE COURSEWORK**

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**Instruction**

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**Purpose**

The Tolland Board of Education recognizes the importance of technology in education and the growing popularity and use of online coursework. In that regard, and in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 10-221a, the Board sanctions the receipt of online course credit to be used toward high school graduation requirements, in accordance with this policy.

**Statement of Policy**

For credit for online courses to be used toward high school graduation requirements, students must, prior to registering for the course, receive approval from the high school principal and/or his/her designee. The decision of the principal and/or his/her designee with regard to online course credit approval is final.

Approved on-line courses taken successfully by students in grades nine through twelve may be used for credit recovery. Credit may also be granted for students in grades eleven and twelve towards graduation from Tolland High School for supplemental courses taken and awarded credit towards graduation from Tolland High School for the following two purposes:

1. Credit recovery
2. Enrollment in a supplemental course

For purposes of this policy, supplemental course means a course, which is not being offered due to low enrollment, or a course which is not presently offered. The number of credits will be determined at the time of approval. No more than 2.0 credits may be applied during any one school year. In addition, the following guidelines must be followed:

1. All on-line courses including summer school on-line courses are to be completed by the student and monitored by the student and/or his/her parent or guardian.
2. The awarding of credit shall be the responsibility of the principal and/or his/her designee.
3. Grades earned in online courses will not be taken into consideration for grade point average, weighted grade point average, or class rank.
4. Any expenses incurred for taking online courses for credit recovery shall be the responsibility of the student and shall not be the responsibility of the Board of Education.
5. If a supplemental online course is taken during the school year, the student must be enrolled in at least three Tolland High School classes per semester.
6. On-line courses must be taught by teachers who are certified in Connecticut or another state and have received training on teaching in an online environment, or offered by institutions of higher education that are accredited by the department of higher education or regionally accredited.

Legal References

Connecticut General Statutes 10-221a (As Amended by Public Act 10-111, Section 16)