

240 - DISTANCE EDUCATION

Background

The Division supports those students endeavoring to further their educational opportunities through Distance Education courses. The School Division maintains membership in the West Central Alberta Distance Learning Consortium, and has access to courses through the Alberta Distance Learning Centre in Barrhead or through the Distance Education Consortium. The following procedures pertain to students taking such courses.

Procedures

1. Distance Education is recognized as a supplementary and/or alternate form of program delivery in the Wild Rose School Division.
2. Applications shall be made through the school Principal, counsellor or designate.
3. Because Distance Education courses are assigned the same credit value as classroom-instructed courses, students are expected to apply themselves with the same diligence.
4. Where a student is placed on a Distance Education core course/program by the school as the only or preferred alternative, the school will provide materials/supplies in accordance with Divisional policy.
5. Where a student elects to take a course by Distance Education as a matter of personal choice, a deposit equivalent to the cost of any materials supplied will be charged.
 - 5.1 The fee is payable to the school in advance, by cash, money order or certified cheque.
 - 5.2 Failure to complete the course will result in the entire materials deposit being forfeited.
 - 5.3 Where the student completes all course requirements including the writing of any final examinations, and return of materials (where appropriate), the deposit will be refunded in full.
6. Registration for Distance Education courses will not normally be accepted after April 1 in any school year. However, a student failing a course in the second semester may apply for Distance Education until June 30 for completion during the summer.

Reference: Section 60, School Act