

## 2105 Online Learning Policy

1. Maeser believes that its mission and educational philosophy are best achieved through in-person instruction. However, Maeser recognizes the value and unique opportunities created by technology and online learning.
2. Maeser Online Courses
  - a. Maeser itself only offers online courses for remediation and certain class options for “credit ahead”. All other online courses must be taken through an accredited, outside source.
3. Online high school course options and providers
  - a. There are many online course providers, including the state’s SOEP (State Online Education Program), as well as universities. Maeser accepts credit from all accredited institutions, subject to review and approval by a Maeser counselor and registrar.
4. Online Courses
  - a. Students may take an online course under any one of the following circumstances:
    - i. To take a course not offered at Maeser, including college courses.
      1. Students should be aware that online college courses do not show up on their high school transcript.
        - a. Students will receive a study hall credit on their Maeser transcript, and the college course will only appear on their college transcript.
    - ii. For “credit ahead” to graduate early or free up space in their future schedules.
      1. Credit ahead courses may only be taken outside of the regular Maeser school day, e.g., during the summer or on a student’s own time.
    - iii. To remediate a failed course.
      1. Online remedial courses can be taken during Credit Recovery Winterim, Summer School, or on a student’s own time.
      2. See policy 2101 Academic Credit for specifics about how remediated courses appear on transcripts and affect GPA calculations.
    - iv. Exceptional and extraordinary scheduling conflicts.
    - v. To take a class through the State Online Education Program.
5. Scheduling Online Courses
  - a. Students may only take online courses during the regular Maeser school day in the following circumstances:
    - i. Students are enrolled in the State Online Education Program.
      1. A Maeser student who is enrolled in the State Online Education Program will have that particular class in their Maeser schedule.

- a. A student's SOEP class must be scheduled during the Peer Supported Study Skills period, or a reasonably similar class in order to provide support and accountability.
    - ii. Students are enrolled in an online college-level course through an accredited university for college credit.
  - b. Students must meet with a school counselor before enrolling in any online course to ensure consistency with the student's graduation plan and progress.
6. Credit Limitations
- a. A student enrolled in an online course may not earn more than 6 online credits in a year.
7. Enrollment in Online Courses
- a. Except when taking an online course provided by Maeser, students are responsible for their own enrollment in accordance with all applicable rules, statutes, regulations, and deadlines.
  - b. Students may not drop an in-person course after 10 days from the start of a semester in order to enroll in an online course.
  - c. Students may not enroll in an online class at school expense to repeat a class which they have previously failed.
  - d. Students may not enroll in online classes at school expense for credit beyond graduation requirements.
8. Impact on Extracurricular Eligibility
- a. Online courses taken during the Maeser school day count towards the course load requirements for extracurricular eligibility.
  - b. Grades from online courses count towards academic eligibility requirements.

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