

Expanded Online Learning Options for Students

The Fitzgerald Board of Education recognizes online learning as an instructional approach to expand and customize learning opportunities for students. The Board believes online courses can help foster college and career readiness for 21st century learners. Therefore, the district shall provide all eligible students the opportunity to enroll in online courses.

Section 21f of the State School Aid Act 2014 (MCL 388.1621f) allows students in grades 6 through 12 to take up to two courses online per academic term with parental consent. Enrollment for online courses will follow the same registration deadlines as applied to traditional course offerings. Students may select from online course offerings from the district catalog of online courses or from those available in the Michigan catalog of online course titles. The district is required to use their foundation allowance or per pupil funds to pay for the expenses associated with the online course(s) as stated in Section 21f. District administrators may deny student enrollment requests for an online course for one or more of the reasons as outlined in the legislation and included in the district administrative procedures.

The Fitzgerald Board of Education supports expanded online learning options for students as defined in Section 21f of the State School Aid Act 2014 (MCL 388.1621f). Furthermore, the Board authorizes the superintendent or designee to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.