

Learn Everywhere Guidance

The 68th Legislative Assembly approved [House Bill 1521](#), which gave districts more freedom to utilize learning opportunities outside the classroom. It was signed by the governor to become law. This law creates great flexibility in providing instruction to students in real-world work environments. These types of in-depth programs are referred to in statute as “Alternative Curriculum Outside the Classroom,” but are typically referred to as “Learn Everywhere Programs.”

Important Changes

Learn Everywhere proposals ***do not*** have to be approved by the K-12 Coordination Council or the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, as required in prior legislation. The only program approval is through the public or nonpublic school governing board.

- Once the proposal is approved, please send a program description to the Office of School Approval & Opportunity at dpischoolapproval@nd.gov. This is for department tracking purposes only.

Definitions

Sponsoring Entity—A business, for-profit organization, non-profit organization, community organization, or trade association that partners with a school district or non-public school to provide educational opportunities for students.

Educational Opportunity—Learning outside the classroom that meets course standards, as determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This includes work-based learning, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, internships, industry certifications, and community programs.

Proposal Criteria

To utilize the Learn Everywhere program, public school districts and nonpublic schools' governing boards must:

1. Adopt a policy that provides criteria for:
 - a. Submission, approval, and evaluation of proposals for educational opportunities by sponsoring entities for which a student may earn course credit
 - b. Sponsoring entity eligibility
 - c. Educational opportunity accountability
2. The district or nonpublic governing board may approve a proposal from any eligible sponsoring entity. To be approved, a proposal must:
 - a. Provide increased educational opportunities for students
 - b. Improve the academic success of students
 - c. Identify a teacher of record whom the school district or nonpublic school employs, is licensed under chapter 15.1-18, and has approved the proposal

Evaluation

Public school districts and nonpublic school governing boards must submit an evaluation of their Learn Everywhere Program to the ND Department of Public Instruction by **June 30** every year. Please submit this to the Office of School Approval & Opportunity at dpischoolapproval@nd.gov.

Program evaluation data submitted may include:

1. Academic indicators, such as:
 - a. Proficiency scales
 - b. Self-assessments
 - c. Assessments from the supervisor
 - d. Career-ready standards met
 - e. Content standards met
2. Descriptions of how the program:
 - a. Improved delivery of education
 - b. Improved the administration of education
 - c. Provided increased education opportunities for students
 - d. Improved the academic success of students
3. Other evaluation measures, such as attendance, disciplinary incidents, student engagement, student voice, student and parent surveys, and evidence of improved instructional practices, may be utilized.

Revocation

The superintendent of public instruction still has the right to revoke program approval if the superintendent of public instruction determines the school district, nonpublic school, or sponsoring entity failed to comply with the agreed-upon terms of the educational opportunity proposal or the school district policy or failed to meet the requirements of this section.

Questions

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