

Education2020 and NCAA Guidelines

The new NCAA guidelines were put into effect on August 1st, 2010. We, at e2020, want to share with you how our courses fulfill the requirements of the new guidelines. Working in collaboration with you, our students will be well prepared to meet the challenges and enjoy the successes of a rigorous high school education.

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Core courses must be academic, four-year college-preparatory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education2020 college-preparatory courses are offered in English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.
Courses need to compare in length, content and rigor to courses taught in the classroom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education2020 courses range between 120 and 180 hours in length and consist of instructional content that is not only comparable, but often exceeds, the content and rigor of a traditional course.
Courses must cover appropriate high school content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary courses offered by Education2020 are aligned to the secondary state standards for each course.
Core courses must require ongoing access between the instructor and student.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication options are provided for both synchronous and asynchronous communication between the district-provided teacher and student.
Communication options may include e-mails between the student and teacher, feedback on assignments, and individual instruction provided by the teacher.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication options include email, chat, and announcements. The Web Administrator provides options to require check-ins with the student where the teacher can review content with them individually prior to an assessment. Teachers may provide feedback on assignments via email, chat and the Gradebook or through the eWriting tool for all essays completed in the Virtual Classroom.
Challenge the student to engage, think, write critically, and learn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education2020 content challenges students to think and apply instructional concepts. Online eNotes and journaling are included so that students may take notes and document ideas during the presentation of content. The eWriting tool requires students to respond to and write assigned essay responses and to learn/apply the 6-trait writing process. Lab simulations are included in math and science for students to demonstrate their mastery of concepts through the application of the scientific process. Project-based activities require students to apply learned skills to complete assigned projects.

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<p>Must have a defined time period for completion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Education2020 Web Administrator allows the district to establish required time periods for course completion (beginning/end dates).
<p>Includes actual instruction, not just the student working on their own. There should be feedback, conversation and questions between the two parties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education2020 instructional content consists of varied components to provide instruction. These include direct instruction video with highly qualified teachers introducing lesson concepts, the use of white boards to demonstrate as needed, flash animations, audio files and hands-on lab simulations. Just-in-time feedback is provided with the Show Me component and while working in the lab simulations. The district should provide an instructor for required additional feedback, conversation and instruction as needed by the student.
<p>Has certified and qualified teachers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct instruction video components use highly qualified, certified teachers to present instructional concepts. It is the district's responsibility to provide a certified, qualified teacher for ongoing interaction and intervention.
<p>Uses a combination of assessments. This includes assignments, quizzes, papers, exams, required chats or virtual classroom participation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple assessment options are available which include pre-assessment review activities, lesson quizzes, topic tests, mid-terms and cumulative exams. District teachers may assign required chats/emails or additional writing assignments.
<p>Requires students to complete the course in its entirety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment of the course in its entirety requires the student to work through instructional content from the beginning to the end. Time periods for completion (Start and Target dates) can be assigned by the district. Students taking courses must have completed any pre-requisite skills/courses prior to taking the course.
<p>Meets high school policy. School policy should clearly indicate whether courses are accepted (and for whom), how they are placed on the transcript and how they are given credit. High school policy must be followed for all students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school policy is determined by the district.

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<p>Uses security measures. There should be a means through which the school or program can verify the student's identity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The e2020 program employs a variety of security measures. • Utilizes unique login and password information for all students, teachers, and administrators. • Limits email/chat communication to methods allowed by the instructor. • Employs Secure Station features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limits access to approved computers. ○ Limits access to approved content. ○ Allows teacher to require students to complete assessments or other components in the presence of teacher on an approved computer.
<p>Uses certified proctors. If the school or program uses proctors, there should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A process by which those proctors are selected. • A means to ensure proctors are qualified to perform their assigned duties. • Clear policies on who should or should not proctor. For example, generally, a high school or college coach/athletics director should not serve as a proctor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proctoring process is determined by the district.