

## **Part 10**

### **Electronic High School Act**

#### **53A-15-1001 Title.**

This part is known as the "Electronic High School Act."

Enacted by Chapter 227, 2006 General Session

#### **53A-15-1002 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

- (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
- (2) "Electronic High School" means a rigorous program offering grade 9 - 12 level online courses and coordinated by the board.
- (3) "Home-schooled student" means a student:
  - (a) attends a home school;
  - (b) is exempt from school attendance pursuant to Section 53A-11-102; and
  - (c) attends no more than two regularly scheduled classes or courses in a public school per semester.
- (4) "Open-entry, open-exit" means:
  - (a) a method of instructional delivery that allows for flexible scheduling in response to individual student needs or requirements and demonstrated competency when knowledge and skills have been mastered; and
  - (b) students have the flexibility to begin or end study at any time, progress through course material at their own pace, and demonstrate competency when knowledge and skills have been mastered.

Amended by Chapter 238, 2012 General Session

#### **53A-15-1002.5 Electronic High School created -- Purpose.**

The Electronic High School is created:

- (1) to provide an opportunity for a student who has failed a course to retake the course and earn course credit;
- (2) to allow a student to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early;
- (3) to allow a student to take a course online so that the student has greater flexibility in scheduling courses during the regular school day; and
- (4) to allow a home-schooled or private school student in Utah to take a course that meets the Utah high school core standards for Utah public schools.

Amended by Chapter 415, 2015 General Session

#### **53A-15-1003 Courses and credit.**

- (1) The Electronic High School may only offer courses required for high school graduation or that fulfill course requirements established by the State Board of Education.
- (2) The Electronic High School shall:
  - (a) offer courses in an open-entry, open-exit format; and
  - (b) offer courses that are in conformance with the core standards for Utah public schools established by the board.

(3) Public schools shall:

- (a) accept all credits awarded to students by the Electronic High School; and
- (b) apply credits awarded for a course described in Subsection (2)(b) toward the fulfillment of course requirements.

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**53A-15-1004 Student eligibility for enrollment.**

- (1) Utah students at any age or in any grade may enroll in Electronic High School courses.
- (2) The Electronic High School shall accept students into courses on a first-come first-served basis.

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**53A-15-1005 Services to students with disabilities.**

Students with disabilities who may need additional services or resources and who seek to enroll in Electronic High School classes may request appropriate accommodations through the students' assigned schools or school districts.

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**53A-15-1006 Payment for an Electronic High School course.**

- (1) Electronic High School courses are provided to students who are Utah residents, as defined in Section 53A-2-201, free of charge.
- (2) Nonresident students may enroll in Electronic High School courses for a fee set by the board, provided that the course can accommodate additional students.

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**53A-15-1007 Electronic High School diploma.**

The Electronic High School may award a diploma to a student that meets any of the following criteria upon the student's completion of high school graduation requirements set by the board:

- (1) a home-schooled student;
- (2) a student who has dropped out of school and whose original high school class has graduated;  
or
- (3) a student who is identified by the student's resident school district as ineligible for graduation from a traditional high school program for specific reasons.

Enacted by Chapter 227, 2006 General Session

**53A-15-1008 Review by legislative auditor general.**

- (1) The legislative auditor general shall conduct a performance audit of the Electronic High School as directed by the Legislative Audit Subcommittee.
- (2) In conducting the performance audit of the Electronic High School, the legislative auditor general shall develop performance metrics using factors such as:
  - (a) course completion rate;
  - (b) number of credits earned; and
  - (c) cost of providing online courses.

- (3) The legislative auditor general shall use the performance metrics developed under Subsection (2) to evaluate the Electronic High School in comparison with other online programs.

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