

ONLINE EDUCATION COURSE AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kera Birkeland

Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires notification to students of the opportunity to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires notification to students of the opportunity to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early;
- replaces an obsolete term for the correct term for "average daily membership;" and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53F-4-509, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53F-4-509** is amended to read:

53F-4-509. Online course credit hours included in daily membership --



Limitation.

(1) Subject to Subsection (2), a student's primary LEA of enrollment shall include online course credit hours in calculating daily membership.

(2) (a) ~~[A]~~ An LEA may not count a student ~~[may not count as]~~ for more than one ~~[FTE]~~ ADM, unless the student intends to complete high school graduation requirements, and exit high school, early, in accordance with the student's plan for college and career readiness.

(b) An LEA shall inform students and students' parents that students have the option to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early, in accordance with the student's plan for college and career readiness.

(3) A student who enrolls in an online course may not be counted in membership for a released-time class, if counting the student in membership for a released-time class would result in the student being counted ~~[as]~~ for more than one ~~[FTE]~~ ADM.

(4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a student enrolled in an online course may earn no more credits in a year than the number of credits a student may earn in a year by taking a full course load during the regular school day in the student's primary LEA of enrollment.

(5) A student enrolled in an online course may earn more credits in a year than the number of credits a student may earn in a year by taking a full course load during the regular school day in the student's primary LEA of enrollment:

(a) if the student intends to complete high school graduation requirements, and exit high school, early, in accordance with the student's plan for college and career readiness; or

(b) if allowed under local school board or charter school governing board policy.