

Online & Distance Learning Contract

General Description

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD), through the Distance Learning Program, offers online classes to district students. Online classes require students to take greater ownership of their learning. Students are responsible for following the class schedule and completing work in a timely manner. Online classes count toward eligibility. All KPBSD online classes are taught by highly qualified, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District teachers.

Student Agreements and Understandings (Please initial)

- _____ I understand that this class will count toward academic eligibility.
- _____ I agree to immediately contact my teacher if something stops my progress in class.
- _____ I agree to check my KPBSD provided email account at least twice per week.
- _____ I agree to respond to teacher communications in a prompt, timely manner.
- _____ I have access to a computer and the internet at home.
- _____ I understand that failing to make adequate progress in my class will result in being withdrawn from the class without credit. If withdrawn from a class I will need to retake the entire class to gain credit. See Student Contact and Drop Policy.
- _____ I have reviewed the KPBSD Distance Education policy and am aware of the consequences of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism.

Course(s) Covered by Contract

_____ / _____ / _____

Student and Parent Contact Information and Signatures

Parent/Guardian

Email: _____

Additional Email (optional):

Preferred Phone Contact #:

Parent Signature

Student

Name (Print): _____

☐ Home Phone: _____

☐ Cell Phone: _____

(Please check preferred contact number.)

Student Signature

Is Online Learning Right for Me?

KPBSD Prospective Online Student Questionnaire

Read the following statements and explanations. Think about whether or not you agree with the statements.

I have regular access to a computer with internet access. Your computer will be the classroom with your online courses. You will need a computer that you can access easily and regularly. Access at school and at home may be necessary.

I advocate for myself by asking questions and asking for help. Unlike traditional courses, an online teacher cannot see when a student needs help or is confused. Online students must be willing to initiate contact with their teacher.

I am comfortable communicating with people on the phone, through email, or with other online tools. KPBSD online classes have few, if any, opportunities for face-to-face meetings.

I am self-disciplined and motivated. Unlike a traditional course in which students and teachers see each other every day, an online course is largely self-directed. That means that you complete assignments on your schedule throughout the week. It is up to you to keep up with the coursework and get assignments **turned in on time**. However, this also means that you can learn at the pace and time that works best for you, as long as it is in the timeframe set by the instructor.

I am committed to completing this online class. Unlike in a traditional class, your teacher will not be there to look over your shoulder and prod you every step of the way.

I am comfortable with computers. A successful online student can perform basic computer skills including word processing, accessing and navigating the internet, and using email.

If you agreed with all of the above statements there is a high likelihood that you will be successful with online learning. If you disagreed with one or more of the above statements you may have some difficulty with online learning. However, it is possible to get help with all the skills described above. Your online teacher, in-school mentor, or parent can help you develop your skills to succeed with online learning. You only have to ask.

Key Understandings

- Online classes count toward eligibility.
- Online classes are not easier than classroom based classes; they are different. Online classes are not an “easy way out.”
- Online classes often require more reading, and more writing, than classroom based classes.