

Online Learning at Eastern Christian High School

Our Online Learning Mission

It is the mission of our Eastern Christian Online Learning Programs to provide quality alternative learning environments and options which expand opportunities and increase flexibility to develop twenty-first century skills in a Christian context.

Our Beliefs

- We believe that each student is uniquely created and designed by God to grow into a mature follower of Jesus Christ called to be a person of Christian vision and influence.
- We believe that each student can benefit from engaging culture, both familiar and unfamiliar, and do so with confidence that God is in control.
- We believe that, because all truth is God's truth, technology can be a valuable learning tool best employed in partnership between a student and Christian learning coach in seeking truth.
- We believe that each person grows and learns best when s/he participates in an personal relationship with a learning coach who oversees and encourages student-centered learning.
- We believe that a rich personalized digital learning environment can offer differentiated instruction designed to offer strategic learning experiences designed to match a student's learning style.
- We believe that online learning can be an effective personalized intervention tool for struggling learners.

What is Online Learning?

Online learning is essentially education which is delivered when teacher and student are separated by time, geographical space, or both. When the primary technological medium for accomplishing the delivery of instruction is the computer, an online course is being used. Online courses can be accessed over the world-wide web or via a portable storage device like a CD-ROM.

Is Online Learning effective?

As online education becomes increasingly widespread, there is a growing body of research which supports the effectiveness of this medium of instruction. The summative conclusion of several studies is that distance learners achieve similar learning outcomes to traditional learners.

Terminology

Credit recovery courses: online courses for students who fail a course

Online courses : online courses the school does not offer in a traditional classroom setting.

Examples include:

Designated foreign languages

Accounting/Entrepreneurship

General Practices

- Online courses are *NOT* offered for subjects provided traditionally in the EC classroom.
- Students may enroll in a maximum of *two* online courses while enrolled at EC and only *one* online course at a time. Credit recovery courses are not included in this count.
- Only credit recovery courses may be taken in the summer.

- Dates for the start and end of the online course are to be determined by the dean.
- Online courses result in a grade on the EC transcript from an accredited online provider. The earned grade will not impact the student's cumulative GPA. These credits are equally valid when evaluated by colleges and universities.

Student Eligibility for Online Courses

- Must be in 11th or 12th grade, unless taking a credit recovery course.
- To be eligible for a foreign language online course, students must have completed *four* courses of *one* foreign language in a traditional classroom setting.
- Must sign this document and a contract which acknowledges agreement with behavioral expectations

Expectations for Students

- Students are expected to use the block allocated for their online course.
- Students are expected to meet with the EC online coach as required by the coach.
- Students are expected to share their username and password information with the EC online coach for accountability purposes.
- Students may use their own computer or a computer provided by the school.

Expectations for Parents

- For online courses, parents are expected to make a \$350 deposit which is paid only when a student fails to complete the course or withdraws after the initial grace period.
- Credit recovery courses are paid in advance in full by parents.

Registration Information

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Desired Online Course(s) _____

Statement of Agreement

I have read and agree to the philosophy, policies, and student/parent expectations regarding online learning at Eastern Christian High School.

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Student _____ Date _____

