



WHAT IS AN EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY?

As your student moves into their junior and senior year, extended learning opportunities (ELOs) should be considered as part of their course of study. Extended learning means: the primary acquisition of knowledge and skills through instruction or study outside of the traditional classroom methodology, including, but not limited, to:

- Apprenticeships
- Community service
- Independent study
- Online courses
- Internships
- Performing groups
- Private instruction

ELOs must be planned with, and approved and supervised by an administrator. Generally, every ELO will include research, reflection, product and presentation in order to focus the content and provide measurable goals. The final presentation will be scored by the supervising administrator according to an established rubric.

Approved extended learning opportunities carry credit and will be reflected on the student's official transcript. Credit for the ELO will be based on student mastery of measurable course level competencies as laid out by the supervising administrator prior to the start of the school year. ELOs may provide full course level credit or credit recovery.

Locally, Kearsarge, Lebanon and Newport school district offer ELOs and the NH Department of Education encourages the use of extended learning. At Mount Royal, we see multiple benefits to the incorporation of ELOs for high school students. Not only does an ELO provide an academic alternative for students who struggle academically, but it offers students approaching the end of their high school career the opportunity to enhance their course of study with experiences beyond the core curriculum.