

Option II

Toms River Regional Schools
2019-2020

What is Option II?

Enabled via N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)2:

- alternative to traditional high school courses
- for acceleration and enhancement [or credit recovery]
- must meet state standards (NJSLS)
- opportunities to explore and achieve at high levels

What is Option II?

Examples of “in-depth Structured Learning Experiences”

- online programs
- internships, apprenticeships, service learning
- capstone projects, portfolios
- study abroad
- accredited college courses

At the of Option II

Every student does not learn in the same way at the same pace.

Schools can't offer every possible opportunity.

TR Option II to Date

- Application process
- PE (SLE)
- Personal Finance (online)
- Pass/fail

Other options explored on trial basis in past 2 years

- OCC courses
- Other online courses

TR Option II Moving Forward

- Interest in increasing options (academies +)
- Involved in NJDOE work group
- Meetings with parents and staff
- Discussed at BOE
- Researched other districts
- Considering all aspects, + and -, our needs

Concerns and Considerations

- Rigor and quality
- Impact on rank
- Equity
- Student support and accountability
- Staffing implications
- Acceptance of credits across districts

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Rigor and quality	Preapproved, reviewed by staff, NJSLs aligned
Impact on rank	Pass/fail, not counted in GPA
Equity	Consider finances, access
Student support and accountability	Teacher mentor, district assessments
Staffing implications	Limit number of courses
Acceptance of credits across districts	Working with state, district partners

Status of Option II for 2019

- Consider on case by case basis
- In core areas, for acceleration, enhancement, credit recovery
- No other electives for credit
- Pass/fail, not counted in GPA or rank calculation
- Must take district exams or equivalent
- Additional requirements possible (ex. science lab)
- “Seat time” not 1:1, but considered
- Limit to 2 courses per year, not in same content area
- *[NCAA](#) may need to approve if used for eligibility*