# Expanded Course Opportunities for B/C High Schools Using Online Learning

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# Challenges for B/C High Schools:

- Provide students with the same academic opportunities and options as students in A/AA high schools
- Prepare students to access and complete online courses for both college credit and for career and technical education (CTE)
- Ensure that college-bound students have the tools and background to be successful at the college level and are able to compete with students from larger high schools
- Ensure that all students have a plan for what they will be doing the day after high school graduation

# Advantages

- > Uses existing personnel and technology resources
- ➤ Ability to offer a variety of college credit and CTE courses without having to hire additional teachers
- ➤ Ability to offer specialized courses that teachers may not be qualified to teach
- > Available to students outside of school
- Can be used for credit recovery and targeted Smarter Balanced and MAP test remediation
- > Offer low-cost "enrichment" summer school program

# Advantages

- Can be used for "homebound" instruction and in alternative settings
- > Students will attend to online learning when they are interested in the course
- ➤ Wide variety of courses available for career/ college exploration
- > Self-paced, individualized, and differentiated instruction
- Reduces scheduling conflicts
- Opportunity for "blended" learning

### Online Resources

## Montana Digital Academy (MTDA)

- ➤ College Credit Courses and CTE Courses
- ➤ No cost for CTE courses
- > Reduced cost for dual credit college courses
- > Certified teacher available for assistance

## Dual Credit College Courses

- > Available through MTDA
- Schools can forge dual credit course arrangements with a variety of two-year and four-year colleges
- Offered on home campus
- > Available directly from many colleges and universities

#### Online Resources

#### Online Course Providers

- > General Education courses
- > CTE courses
- > Advanced Placement courses
- > ACT preparation courses
- > MAP test remediation
- Common Core aligned
- > GED test preparation
- > Study skills courses
- Career Exploration courses

# CHS Online Learning Academy (COLA)

- Designate a dedicated online learning classroom
- > Staff with a certified teacher
- Use existing technology resources
- ➤ All online learning opportunities consolidated in one space
- > Allow career exploration during study hall period
- Provide remedial and enrichment summer school options
- Provide online adult education opportunities
- Establish a GED preparation program

Questions?

#### Thank You for Your Attention

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