

Course Length & Due Dates (C1a.v02)

NDCDE has established default 20-week enrollment windows for all courses, except for dual credit, and credit recovery, and other courses specially denoted as automatically extended.

Adjusting Course Length

Except for dual credit, NDCDE may shorten a course's length at a learning coach's or school's request on a case-by-case basis if NDCDE administration, in consultation with the teacher of record, deems this to be in the student's best interest. This adjustment, if approved, will be reflected on an individual student's pacing guide. However, NDCDE will not reduce a course to less than five weeks in length. This minimum is set to provide adequate time for student and teacher interaction, assignment completion, and grading.

Due Dates

NDCDE offers self-paced courses that generally do not contain assignment due dates; however, NDCDE may require assignment due dates or require the incremental submission of assignments (e.g., every two weeks, a certain number of submissions by weeks 5, 10, and 15) in courses where students must demonstrate a progression of skill over time resulting from education that they are receiving in a course—requirements that must be developed by a course content expert, receive the approval of the director of curriculum, must be applied uniformly across sections of the same course, and must be published on the course homepage and with the impacted assignment(s). Course gradebooks will need to be updated to reflect due dates based on the student's start date.

End of policy

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