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Board to look at curriculum.

With computers headed into the hands of every high school student as soon as this fall, Brady school board members are hoping to not only enhance the learning process but expand the curriculum possibilities as well.

"I think we need to investigate the opportunities that are out there for advanced classes and online learning," said board member Marge Spencer.

During Monday's regular monthly meeting, board members discussed offering more advanced classes including dual credit courses in which high school students earn college credit.

"A kid could almost graduate from high school with an associate's degree," Spencer said. "There are a lot of possibilities out there."

Brady already offers a couple of dual credit English classes which allow students to earn credit toward high school graduation at the same time they accumulate college credits.

Some board members would like to see those opportunities expanded into other curriculum areas and using the one-to-one computer initiative as a gateway.

But board member Mary Ellen Mann wants to make sure students are being properly guided in their high school class choices even before they consider college credit.

"I think we need to make sure all of our students are getting what they need here so they are prepared for college," Mann said. "Our graduation requirements need to be in line with what our state universities want kids to have when they get there."

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Superintendent Bill Porter also cautioned board members to keeping the opportunities equal for all students, regardless of income.

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