

VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

1.0 Purpose:

WV Code §18-5F-4 authorizes county boards of education to create virtual instruction programs as a means of enhancing education opportunities for students. The goal is to allow school systems to increase their flexibility in delivering instructional programs by implementing programs that provide either a full-time online or blended program of instruction for students. Students may be enrolled in any composition of grades kindergarten through twelve. This policy establishes a virtual education program that offers eligible students in grades six through twelve an online pathway for earning a high school diploma.

2.0 Definitions:

2.1 Blended program - a formal education program in which a student learns:

- At least in part through online learning, with some element of student control over time, place, path or pace,
- At least in part in a supervised setting outside the home; and
- In such a way that the modalities of each student's learning path within a course or subject are connected to provide an integrated learning experience

2.2. Eligible student - a student eligible for attendance in public schools in a school district that provides a virtual instruction program, that is a member of a multicounty consortium providing a virtual instruction program or that does not provide a virtual instruction program and is not a member of a multicounty consortium but participates through a collaborative agreement between the school district in which the student is enrolled and a school district or a multicounty consortium providing a virtual instruction program.

2.3 Full-time student – student enrolled for the full instructional day and completing required courses for a WV public school diploma (e.g. 6 half credit courses per semester – this number would be based upon the number of instructional periods offered daily)

2.4 Part-time student –student enrolled up to 50% of the instructional day (4 periods for WVSSAC eligibility)

2.5 Virtual course - any virtual pathway course offered by Grant County Schools that meets the specified state-approved standards for that course

2.6 Virtual instruction program - a program implemented by a county board or multicounty consortium that provides a full-time online or blended program of instruction for students enrolled in any composition of grades six through twelve.

2.7 Full-time virtual program - formal education program in which a student learns through a total online learning environment/platform.

3.0 Student Eligibility and Requirements:

The superintendent shall promulgate Administrative Regulations in accordance with this policy.

4.0 Review Schedule

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule published by the Superintendent.

AUTHORITY: WV Code §18-5F-4

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See Administrative Regulations 3135.AR