

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

I. Purpose.

1.1. Raleigh County Schools offers students an online pathway for earning a high school diploma. The school system provides a virtual option for students in grades 9-12 with course opportunities consistent with the West Virginia Board of Education's academic standards, curriculum frameworks, and assessments. At the Superintendent's discretion, Raleigh County Schools may extend the virtual option to any programmatic level after a one-year implementation for grades 9-12.

1.2. Virtual courses will be delivered through the WV Virtual School and/or District-approved learning management systems. Any online course delivery must be approved and supported by the West Virginia Department of Education and comply with state and federal privacy laws.

1.3. Raleigh County Schools reserves the right to set a capacity limit per semester for virtual enrollment. Applications for first semester must be received by August 1 each year. Applications for second semester enrollment must be received by December 1 each year. The Superintendent reserves the right to extend deadlines by one calendar month by public announcement.

II. Student Eligibility and Requirements

Students who meet the following requirements are eligible to participate in the virtual education program:

1. Enrolled in Raleigh County Schools as a full-time student with a course load consistent with his/her attendance district school.
2. Parents and students must successfully complete a District-defined virtual education orientation.
3. Meet school system and/or State enrollment requirements to include health requirements such as, but not limited to, immunizations, physicals, and dentals exams.
4. Meet the school system and/or State enrollment requirements for the courses in question including successful completion of any prerequisite courses.
5. Maintain a minimum grade of seventy (70) percent on a numerical grade scale in courses taken during the current academic year.
6. Have daily, reliable access to a device capable of accessing the WV Virtual School and/or District-approved learning management systems.
7. Have access to consistent, daily internet service.
8. Respond to school system communication in a timely manner.

III. Attendance

3.1. Students participating in the virtual education option will be considered as being in attendance if the students are successfully progressing in the virtual education coursework. Successful progression will mean

completing courses to graduate with one's four-year cohort. To receive an eligibility form for a driver's license, students must be progressing successfully in the coursework and communicating with staff as directed.

3.2. The school system reserves the right to set specific attendance requirements for each virtual course. The Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to develop alternate attendance policies for virtual courses, provided that students in such programs are given notice of the attendance requirements. A student's failure to comply with such requirements may result in administrative action including, but not limited to, probation or removal from the class or a charge of truancy, if appropriate.

3.3. All full-time virtual students will be enrolled as a student in the school zone in which they reside. These students will be counted in the average daily membership. All full-time virtual students will participate in all State testing and accountability requirements. Upon satisfying all graduation requirements, students enrolled in the virtual pathway will receive a high school diploma from Raleigh County Schools.

IV. Extracurricular Activities

Students enrolled as a full-time student in the virtual pathway are eligible to participate in the extracurricular activities in the school in which they are enrolled according to attendance zone. Students must meet the same extracurricular activity eligibility requirements as students enrolled in the traditional day program including any applicable WVSSAC requirements. Student residency for purposes of participating in extracurricular activities will be determined in accordance with applicable Raleigh County Schools' policies and WVSSAC policies.

V. Removal from Virtual School

Students may be transitioned back to a traditional day program for the following reasons:

1. Not maintaining a seventy percent (70%) in each course.
2. Progression through the coursework falls below the minimum comparable tradition course standard.
3. Attendance requirements are not met.
4. Cheating, falsifying information, or plagiarizing.
5. Failure to maintain communication as directed.
6. School system policies, procedures, rules or regulations are violated, including rules governing the use of technology.

VI. Student Support

- 6.1. IEP committees will meet to determine the most appropriate least restrictive environment and the most reasonable accommodations.
- 6.2. ELL committees will meet to determine the most reasonable accommodations.

VII. Counseling and Guidance Services

Raleigh County Schools will utilize personnel to meet academic, career, and social needs as they arise. In conjunction with school counselors, students will be assisted with developing an educational plan based on

transcripts, standardized assessments, career interests, and other pertinent data. The plan will be reviewed periodically to assess its appropriateness and progress toward completion.

VIII. Student Responsibilities

Students should spend the first days making sure they are comfortable with the technology of online learning and they can master the content. Students are responsible for maintaining reliable, daily access to the internet. Computer/ internet problems will not be accepted as reasons for delays in meeting deadlines. Only through continuous communication and consistent work can students be successful in an online course. It is essential that students maintain regular contact with their instructor and submit assignments on time. Students must let the administrator for virtual school know immediately if they need courses on the NCAA approval list.

IX. Severability

If any provision of this policy or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this policy.

WV Code Reference §18-5F-1 et. seq.

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