

## CHAPTER 4.00 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

### Virtual School Option

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#### DEMOPOLIS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM VIRTUAL SCHOOL OPTION

The Demopolis City School system will provide a virtual pathway or virtual education option for students in grades 6-12. Students enrolled in virtual courses will complete coursework virtually from computers. The coursework allows student scheduling flexibility to complete the course requirements.

Students must meet the following eligibility criteria to participate in the virtual pathway:

- Own or have access to an operational computer
- Maintain a reliable internet connection
- Have an adult willing to serve as the learning coach
- Be proficient in reading, writing, math and computer navigation skills

Attendance and academic progress will be monitored daily by board employees. Students participating in the virtual school option are subject to the following attendance requirements which may involve reporting to the school campus:

1. Virtual school or course orientation
2. Guidance, counseling and advisement sessions
3. Conferences called by the teacher, counselor or administrator
4. Daily access of virtual course content and satisfying pacing benchmarks as established by the teacher
5. Meeting all practice, rehearsal, participation and eligibility requirements to maintain membership in an extracurricular activity.

All state-mandated testing will be conducted at Demopolis City School System facilities. All full-time students enrolled in the virtual school will be counted in the average daily membership. All full-time students enrolled in the virtual school will participate in all state testing and accountability requirements. Upon satisfying all graduation requirements, students enrolled in the virtual school will receive a Demopolis City School System Diploma.

Students enrolled in virtual school are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the school attendance zone in which they reside, and are subject to the same requirements, including Alabama High School Athletic Association rules.

Students who do not reside in the attendance zone of the school system may enroll in the school system for the purpose of participating in the school system's virtual program, but such enrollment is subject to the school system's nonresident enrollment policy.

The virtual school shall be exempt from any provision of general law, local law or administrative rules that apply to the traditional delivery of instruction, including, but not limited to, requirements to the physical presence of a student, student monitoring and security, staffing requirements, transportation obligations, facility requirements, space and location requirements, time requirements and physical education requirements, to the extent any of the forgoing conflict with the delivery of the virtual program.

Any online course delivery that is not supported by the Alabama State Department of Education shall be accredited by an institution recognized pursuant to administrative rule adopted by the Alabama State Department of Education. Course work offered through the virtual program shall contain the requirement content as identified in the applicable Alabama Course of Study.

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