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## Roadmap to Reopening Dale County Schools – Class Options 2020-2021

### III. Class Options

#### A. Curriculum Options

Dale County Schools is excited to be returning back to our schools for traditional learning starting on August 7th. We will also offer virtual and remote learning options, but please understand that these methods of learning may not offer the same level of outstanding direct instruction by our highly qualified and certified teachers. For families choosing to return to a traditional learning environment their students will learn valuable social skills that prepare them to live in an ever changing society, but also, and more importantly, their students will have direct, instant access to their teacher in their classroom. Each family must evaluate their options for learning and decide which education type is best for their student during this school year. The options are as follows:

- Option 1 – **Traditional School (offered in grades PreK-12)** with best practices implemented; students may switch to Remote Learning but must remain in Remote Learning until the change in the grading period (end of each 9 weeks)
- Option 2 – **Remote Learning (offered in grades PreK-12)** will be provided for students that have concerns about returning to traditional school; curriculum provided by the school system that must be delivered by an online platform to a device at home; students will not attend school or participate in any extra-curricular activities (clubs, athletics, band, etc.) due to concerns about COVID-19; this online program does not include any direct instruction by a teacher; families that enroll in Remote Learning cannot transition back to traditional school until the change in the grading period (end of each 9 weeks); Honors courses are not recognized for class rank purposes with this option
- Option 3 – **Virtual School (offered in grades 9-12)** curriculum is provided by a certified teacher online that can correspond with the student electronically; students are required to take tests at the Accelerated Learning Center in Ozark; this is a semester commitment; Honors courses are not recognized for class rank purposes with this option; students can participate in athletics by attending the required conditioning classes on the home campus during the school day; students must abide by the established requirements found in Board Policy 4.81.

- \*\*Blended** This curriculum will be offered to students in the **Traditional School** setting that receive a positive test for COVID-19 and are required to stay at home for an extended period of time; this option could also be used for students in self-quarantine for an extended period of time at the request of the ADPH; the local school counselor will coordinate the logistics
- \*\*Enrollment** Students that choose **Traditional School** will follow established procedures of the past; students choosing **Remote Learning** will notify the local school counselor by phone or email of their intent to remote learn July 27-July 30 (from 7am – 4pm) to complete an application; students choosing the **Virtual School** (Grades 9-12 only) option will contact the Virtual School principal by phone or email (Mr. Jason Steed - 334-445-5585 - [jsteed@dalecountyboe.org](mailto:jsteed@dalecountyboe.org)) to make an appointment to apply
- \*\*Devices/Internet** The student will be expected to provide their own device and internet connection at home for the **Remote Learning** and **Virtual School** options; paper packets used in the Spring of 2020 will NOT be available; if a **Remote Learning** student does not have access to this technology they should notify the counselor at the time of enrollment to see if an individualized plan can be created to provide the needed technology
- \*\*Accountability** All options will include grading. Report cards will be distributed for all students, regardless of the option selected. All students will be expected to take the state testing during the school year, which will be given on campus. Semester Exams will be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.
- \*\*Special Needs** Students that have current **Individual Educational Plans (IEPs), 504s, Gifted Plans, or ELL Plans** that choose **Remote School** or **Virtual School** should contact the Special Education Coordinator (Ms. Beverly Lampkin - 334-774-2355 - [blampkin@dalecountyboe.org](mailto:blampkin@dalecountyboe.org)) for assistance