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VIRTUAL SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

The Dale County School District will provide a virtual pathway or virtual education option for students in grades 9-12. Students enrolled will complete coursework virtually from their computers. The coursework allows students scheduling flexibility to complete the course requirements. Virtual schooling offers students numerous benefits in terms of time flexibility and program customization. Along with these advantages, students also assume increased responsibility in time management, self-motivation, and organization.

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

- Have access to the internet and to a computer outside of school,
- Meet enrollment guidelines for attending school in the Dale County School District ,
- Maintain minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in core courses taken during the academic year prior to making application to attend the Virtual School. (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Maintain appropriate course progression as measured by the completion of daily assignments, quizzes, and/or tests.
- Daily access of virtual course content.
- Be on track for graduation having earned necessary credit in each core area of study and other requisite courses needed for a particular diploma type.
- Remain a student in good standing of the Dale County School District.
- Have an adult (legal parent or guardian) willing to serve as the learning coach.

All full-time virtual students will be enrolled as a student in the high school zone in which they reside. These students will be counted in the average daily membership. All full-time students **will** participate in all state testing and accountability requirements, which may require reporting to the school campus. Upon satisfying all graduation requirements, students enrolled in the virtual pathway will receive an Alabama High School Diploma.

Students enrolled in a virtual pathway are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the school in which they are enrolled, according to attendance zone.

Please contact Jason Steed at (334)445-5585 or email jsteed@dalecountyboe.org to schedule an appointment to discuss the application process for enrollment in the Dale County Virtual School pathway.

Student Information (To be completed by base school)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Athlete _____
Mid-Year Graduate _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Base School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____ Total Credits: _____

Courses needed to graduate: _____

First Semester Courses: _____

Second Semester Courses: _____

School Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Virtual School Information (To be completed by virtual school director)

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Reason if Denied: _____

VS Start Date: _____ Courses enrolled in: _____

Virtual School Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit a completed copy of this form to the Guidance Counselor at the base school prior to start date.

Dale County Virtual School

Benefits, Expectations, and Requirements

Virtual schooling offers students numerous benefits in terms of time flexibility and program customization. Along with these advantages, students also assume increased responsibility in time management, self-motivation, and organization

Benefits

- Instruction from Alabama-certified teachers
- No tuition and minimal fees
- Accredited diploma upon satisfying all requirements for graduation
- Flexibility and personalized learning experiences
- Individualized academic and career preparation plan
- Self-paced with opportunity for accelerated advancement
- Early graduation option upon meeting eligibility criteria

Expectations

- *Technology*
 - Acquire and maintain a computer and consistent Internet access.

- *Course Progression*
 - Students are required to progress through online courses at a rate comparable to the progression of a traditional class.
 - Students are permitted to work ahead of the standard course progression and finish courses early.
 - Students who fall behind comparable course progress will be subject to Academic Probation.
 - Academic Probation (Intervention strategy)
 - If grade is ≤ 70 student will be required to report to have a face-to-face meeting with VS Principal
 - If grade is ≤ 60
 - 1st offense – report to VS Principal for 1 day per week, min. 4 hours (until grade is > 60 , then will report once per week until grade is ≥ 70)
 - 2nd occurrence – report to VS Principal for 2 days per week, min 4 hours each day (until grade is > 60 , then will report once per week until grade is ≥ 70)
 - Lack of Sufficient Progress
 - Follow same sequence as grades

- *Academic Integrity*
 - All work must be completed by the student alone.
 - Any collaboration among students must be pre-approved by the teacher.
 - Plagiarism will not be allowed in any form. This will include copying or using the ideas or words of others and presenting them as one's own.
 - Students will not allow others to copy their work.
 - Content from the Internet will not be misused or misrepresented.

- *Proctored Examinations*
 - All unit tests, exams, and Alabama mandated accountability assessments must be taken in the presence of a proctor at the Dale County Virtual School testing site. Students are responsible for scheduling testing appointments with the Dale County Virtual School Principal.
 - Scores earned on exams that are not taken with a Dale County Virtual School proctor are subject to invalidation.
 - Students must provide their own transportation to and from the testing site.

- *Student orientation*
 - 1st week of school, onsite at Virtual School
 - Activities to include:
 - Login information
 - ACCESS course information sheet
 - Communication (email, discussion boards, etc)
 - Time Management
 - Study Skills
 - Identifying and accessing various resources
 - State inactivity report (no activity for 7 days removed from course)

- *Student Participation in Events*
 - Requires reporting to school office to sign in/out if during school day (due to scheduling, some meetings may not be announced in advance)
 - School pictures
 - School club meetings
 - Athletics
 - Field trips
 - Prom
 - Graduation ceremony
 - Honors Day activities

- *Diploma requirements*
 - Must complete required credits for the Alabama High School Diploma
 - Will not be included in calculation for valedictorian/salutatorian or other class rankings

Minimum Requirements to Participate and Remain Enrolled

- Meet enrollment guidelines for attending school in the Dale County School District
- Maintain consistent access to a computer and the Internet.
- Maintain minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in core courses taken during the academic year.
- Maintain appropriate course progression as measured by the completion of daily assignments, quizzes, and/or tests.
- Be on track for graduation having earned necessary credit in each core area of study
- Remain in good standing as a student of the Dale County Virtual School.
- Have an adult (legal parent or guardian) willing to serve as the learning coach.
- Adhere to academic integrity.

I understand that failure to comply with the above stated expectations and minimum requirements could result in removal from the Dale County Virtual School. Removal from the Dale County Virtual School can occur at any time during the year. Students who are removed from the Dale County Virtual School and who are granted enrollment at their base school or any other school are not guaranteed course equivalents in the traditional, face-to face format.

Student _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____