

The School Board of Gadsden County

Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

2370.01 - VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The District shall provide eligible students within its boundaries the option of participating in a virtual instruction program. A "virtual instruction program" (VIP) is a program that takes place in an interactive learning environment created through technology in which a student and teacher are separated from each other by time, space, or both.

The purpose of the program is to make instruction available to District students using online and distance education technology in a nontraditional classroom (i.e., primarily outside of public school buildings). In practice, most students will access the online instruction from their home.

This program provides an additional school choice option for parents and a tool for the District to use to meet class size requirements. The District shall offer a full-time program for students in K-12. The District may offer a full time or part time program for grade 9-12 students enrolled in dropout prevention, academic intervention, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), core courses to meet class size requirements, or community colleges.

Student Eligibility

Students eligible for the District VIP program must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- A. The student has spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in this State and was enrolled and reported by a public school district for funding during the preceding October and February for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) surveys.
- B. The student is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last twelve (12) months to Florida from another state or foreign country pursuant to the parent's permanent change of station orders.
- C. The student was enrolled during the prior school year in a School District virtual instruction program under F.S. 1002.45 or a K-8 virtual school program under F.S. 1002.415.
- D. The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in the School District virtual instruction program and that sibling was enrolled in such a program at the end of the prior school year.

The District shall provide access to enroll in courses available through one of the VIP programs and shall award credit for successful completion. Access shall be available to eligible students during or after the school day and during summer school enrollment.

F.S. 1002.45, 1002.20(6), 1002.37, 1002.42, 1003.02(l)(i), 1003.03(3)(b)

F.S. 1000.04(4), 1007.27(1)

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