

## 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.

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#### 2370 - EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The School Board recognizes the need to provide alternative means by which students achieve the goals of the District.

Pursuant to Policy [2370.01](#) - Virtual Instruction Program, the District shall provide students with access to courses available through the Florida Virtual School and award credit for successful completion of such courses. Access shall be available to students during and after the normal school day and through summer school enrollment.

The Superintendent shall prepare a plan of educational options for use in meeting special needs. Such options may include, but not be limited to, distance learning, on-line coursework, tutorial programs, independent study, correspondence courses, educational travel, mentorship programs, summer school, and early college entrance.

Prior approval of the educational option application (Form 2370 F1) by the Superintendent shall be required before a student participates in one (1) of the available educational options. Prior permission of a parent or guardian shall also be required before a student under age eighteen (18) participates in one (1) of the available educational options.

Participation in an educational option shall be in accordance with an instructional plan that will be developed based on the individual student's needs. The instructional plan will include:

- A. instructional objectives that align with District's curriculum requirements;
- B. a description of the criteria and method for assessing student performance;
- C. an outline of specific instructional activities, materials, and learning environments.

Participation must be subject to the oversight of a credentialed teacher who will review the instructional plan, provide or supervise instruction, and evaluate student performance.

Student performance shall be evaluated as either pass or fail relative to the instructional objectives set forth in the instructional plan; letter grades shall not be awarded.

Student performance shall be evaluated as either pass or fail, or by awarding letter grades relative to the instructional objectives set forth in the instructional plan.

Credit shall be granted to the student upon successful completion of the program. The credit shall be placed on the student transcript.

Credits earned from educational options may be counted toward graduation requirements in accordance with applicable State law and administrative code.

F.S. 1001.28, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1002.321, 1002.37

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