

Proposed Mingo County Board of Education Policy 2630

Virtual Learning Program

2630- Virtual Learning Program for Mingo County Schools

The purpose of the Mingo County Schools Virtual Learning Program is to enhance access and equity in public education.

The virtual learning policy of Mingo County Schools establishes provisions for delivering instruction to eligible K-12 learners in a full-time or blended virtual environment. Students may engage in coursework aligned to West Virginia standards and West Virginia Board of Education requirements toward completion of the K12 program.

Virtual learners shall be assessed annually using the West Virginia state assessment at the grade level in which they are enrolled. The assessment results of students will be included in the assessment results of the school and/or district. Assessment protocols for students in grade levels not included in the state assessment program will be determined by the Superintendent.

District and/or school staff as designated by the Superintendent will monitor student progress and performance.

An eligible student participating in the Virtual Learning Program shall be considered to be attending the school in the attendance area in which he/she resides. The eligible student may participate in any co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of that school, but is subject to the same participation requirements imposed on a traditional student attending the school.

Faculty in the Virtual Learning Program must hold a valid West Virginia teaching license or certification granted by the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure.

The Superintendent shall establish guidelines and operating procedures to ensure the virtual school program complies with State law.

Virtual school providers, including developers, managers, instructors, and facilitators must adhere to state and federal privacy laws.

Definitions

- A. Virtual Instruction Program: A program implemented by a county board or multicounty partnership that provides a full-time online or blended program of instruction for students enrolled in any composition of grades kindergarten through twelve. Virtual instruction programs provide some elements of student control over time, place, path or pace.
- B. Virtual Learning: The student learns in a non-traditional environment using technology tools including computers and Internet.
- C. Blended: A formal education program in which a student learns at least in part through online learning, in a supervised setting outside the home, and in such a way that the modalities of each student's learning path within a course or subject are connected to provide an integrated learning experience.
- D. Superintendent: Mingo County Superintendent of Schools
- E. Eligible Student: A student eligible for attendance in a West Virginia School District.
- F. Virtual School Providers: Providers may include the school district staff or a contracted vendor of such programs as developers, managers, instructors, and facilitators.