

## VIRTUAL LEARNING

Senate Bill 603 (2018) and House Bill 1606 (2018) created new requirements for local school districts related to virtual education and access to these courses. The Centerville School District has developed a system in order to be in compliance with these new laws. Beginning in January 2019, any student in Kindergarten through 8th grade enrolled in the Centerville School District who was also enrolled as a full-time student the previous semester can opt to take a course virtually through the District-approved provider or through the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP) organized through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The following policy and procedures will help students and families through the access process if that is their desired path.

### **Policy 6190 Instructional Services**

The District will participate in the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program ("Program"). The Program offers District students the opportunity to enroll in virtual school courses in a variety of grade level and content areas from Kindergarten through grade 12. The District may elect to offer specific courses as part of the program. Any on-line courses or virtual programs offered by the District prior to August 18, 2018 will be automatically approved for program participation, where the District course meets program requirements.

### **Regulation 6190 Instructional Services**

annually permit any eligible student, under the age of twenty-one (21) who resides in the District, to enroll in Access and Virtual School Program ("Program") courses as part of the student's annual course load. Course d by the District provided that the student:

rolled full-time and has attended a public school, including a charter school, for at least one (1) semester diately prior to enrolling in the Program. However, if the reason for a student's non-attendance in the prior ster is a documented medical or psychological diagnosis or condition which prevented attendance, such non- nance will be excused; and  
o enrolling in the Program course has received District approval through the procedure set out in this Regulation A).

course successfully completed will count as one class and will receive that portion of a full-time equivalent that a rse offered by the District generates.

process for participation in the Program will be substantially similar to the enrollment process for participation in The enrollment period will be ten (10) school days prior to each semester. Students who fail to timely enroll d to apply the next semester. New students enrolling during the school year will have five (5) school days from nt to apply for a Program Course under this Regulation. The process may include consultation with a school ever, consultation does not include the counselor's approval or disapproval of enrollment in the Program. istrict has ten (10) business days from the date the application was submitted to the District to approve or deny

school denies a student's enrollment in a Program course or enrollment as a full-time Program student, the vide in writing a "good cause" reason for the denial. Such good cause determination will be based upon a rmination that the enrollment is not in the student's best educational interest. Where enrollment is denied, the s will be utilized:

istrict will notify the student and the student's family in writing of the right to appeal denial of Program ment to the Board of Education; and  
amily will be given an opportunity to present the reasons for their appeal to the Board at an official Board ng; and  
istrict, at such Board meeting, will provide the basis for its determination that Program enrollment was not in the nt's best educational interest; and  
ritten submissions by the family and the District will be incorporated into Board minutes; and  
oard's written decision and the reason for that decision will be provided to the family within thirty (30) days of 3oard meeting; and  
amily may appeal the Board's determination to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The tment shall provide their decision within seven (7) calendar days.

previously earned by a student transferring into the District will be accepted by the District. Students who are a Program course at the time of transfer shall continue in the course with the District assessing future monthly e school and private students wishing to take additional courses beyond their school's regular course load will be oll in Program courses under an agreement, including the student's payment of tuition or course fees.

### **r Program Courses**

with Program courses shall be paid by the District for students satisfying subsection (1) of this Regulation. Payments will be made on a monthly cost basis prorated over the semester enrolled. Payments will be made directly to the contractor. Such payments per semester will not exceed the market cost, but in no case more than 7% of the actual target per semester. In the event a Program participant discontinues their enrollment, the District will reimburse payments made on the student's behalf.

If a student who is a candidate for A+ tuition reimbursement and who is enrolled in a Program course, the District will require less than ninety-five (95%) percent attendance to any such student who has successfully completed such course. K-8 Districts will be required to pay the District for Program attendees residing in the K-8 District.

#### **Course Evaluation**

The District will consider recommendations made by DESE relative to a student's continued Program enrollment. Based in part on these recommendations, the District may terminate or alter a course offering if the District, in its reasonable discretion, determines that the Program course(s) is not meeting the student's educational needs.

The District will monitor student progress and success in Program courses. The District will annually provide a report regarding Program course quality.

The District is not obligated to provide computers, equipment or internet access except for eligible students with a disability in accordance with federal and state law.

The District will include students' enrollment in the Program in determining the District's average daily attendance (ADA). For students enrolled in the Program on a part-time basis, ADA will be calculated as a percentage of the total number of Program courses in which the student is enrolled by the number of courses required for full-time students.

The District will inform District parents of their child's right to participate in the Program. Opportunity to participate in the Program will be provided in parent handbooks, registration documents and on the homepage of the District's website.

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