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Lee County Schools Virtual Classroom Option for 2020-2021

Description

In response to COVID-19, Lee County Schools polled our community in early June 2020. The results of that survey indicated a need for an alternative setting to traditional schools. This year, we will be extending access to virtual learning for grades k-12.

How will it work?

The Virtual Classroom works much like a traditional public school, with the exception that students work from the comfort of an off-campus site. Like in a traditional physical school, classes start in August and end in in May. Teachers will assist students in working through course content with a mix of interactive and independent assignments. Grades k-8 will use the Google Classroom suite as the management platform. A Lee County Schools certified teacher will manage and deliver the content. Grades 9-12 will use Edgenuity, ACCESS, or a combination of both. A Lee County Schools certified teacher will be assigned to manage, monitor, and communicate with each student in the Virtual Classroom. A certified teacher outside of Lee County Schools teaches ACCESS courses.

For an overview of Edgenuity, the following website may be helpful.

<https://www.edgenuity.com/>

For an overview of ACCESS, the following website may be helpful.

<https://www.accessdl.state.al.us/>

General Time Expectations for Online Content

Grade	Minimum	Maximum
K	30 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
1-2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
3-5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes /day
6-8	Class: 15 minutes/day Total: 90 minutes/day	Class: 30 minutes/day Total: 180 minutes/day
9-12	Class: 20 minutes/day Total: 120 minutes/day	Class: 45 minutes/day Total: 270 minutes/day

General Procedures

- The virtual student will follow the school board approved academic calendar.
- Students will be assigned to a Lee County Schools teacher and considered enrolled at their base school.
- Best practices for virtual learning will be employed to include rigorous instruction, high expectations of student performance, and meeting all grade-level standards.
- Students participating will be considered “in attendance” if they complete work on a daily basis to stay on track with the traditional course schedule.
- Reliable internet access at home is necessary.
- Expressing intent to participate constitutes a commitment to virtual learning.
- There will be an opportunity to transfer from full-time virtual learning to the school/traditional classroom setting at the beginning of each quarter.
- Students in grades k-8 will use the district-approved learning management platform, Google Classroom.
- Students can be required to be on campus for certain events such as specific class meetings, state testing, or other activities designated by the school principal.
- Extracurricular Activities- Students must meet the same extracurricular activity eligibility requirements as students enrolled in the traditional program, including, but not limited to, any applicable Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) requirements.
- All elective courses may not be offered to full-time virtual program students.

If you are interested in the Lee County Schools Virtual Classroom, please see the Virtual School Full-Time Intent form for 2020-2021.