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Proposed Policy

7.8 Virtual School Policy

7.8.1 Scope and Delivery of Services The Guntersville City Board of Education provides a virtual option for grades 9-12 that includes all courses that are needed to obtain a high school diploma. Such courses will be delivered through a Guntersville City Board of Education approved program. *Students with unusual and unique circumstances who would benefit from a virtual option will be considered on an individual basis by the school and board of education administrators.*

7.8.2 Student Eligibility Criteria –Students must **require** the virtual option to pursue the individual academic pathway. Students must meet the eligibility requirements of the approved online program. In addition, students must meet school system enrollment requirements for the course in question including, but not limited to, those contained in the schools system’s curriculum catalog.

7.8.3 Performance and Testing Requirements – Individual student performance will be monitored pursuant to the school system’s traditional academic credit requirements and grade scale. Students utilizing the virtual school option will be subject to all state testing and accountability requirements and will be subject to the same rules and regulations regarding the administration of such tests that are applicable to traditional public school students enrolled in the traditional public school. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to facilitate the state testing and accountability requirements applicable to virtual school students. The school system reserves the right to require students utilizing the virtual school option to participate in state testing and accountability requirements on campus at a date and time selected by the school system.

7.8.4 Attendance –Students participating in the virtual school option are required to be active and submitting assignments in order to remain enrolled in the program.

The school system reserves the right to set specific attendance requirements for each virtual course. The Superintendent or his designee is authorized to develop alternate attendance policies for virtual courses, provided that students in such programs are given notice of the attendance requirements. A student's failure to comply with such requirements may result in administrative action including, but not limited to, probation or removal from the class or a charge of truancy, if appropriate.