

ATTENDANCE

Students who are enrolled in the full-time virtual program and otherwise meet all course requirements are exempt from attendance requirements. They are considered as being in attendance if they are successfully progressing in their virtual coursework.

Students who take any course at PHS are expected to attend that course daily. They will also be subject to semester and/or final exam exemptions for attendance.

REGISTRATION

Students interested in pursuing the virtual program either full time or part time must enroll **prior to September 4, 2018**.

Students who are currently not enrolled will need to have the completed enrollment paperwork complete prior to enrollment.

Students receiving special education services will have to have an IEP team meeting prior to this date.

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VIRTUAL PROGRAM

2018-2019 – 9-12 ONLY

PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS



WHAT IS VIRTUAL EDUCATION?

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year Preston County has in place a virtual education program policy. The policy follows a WVDE policy change allowing this option for WV students.

Simply put this is a program that offers eligible students an online pathway for earning a high school diploma. Students must satisfy all graduation requirements.

There are two virtual education options: full-time and part-time. Part-time students are enrolled in fewer than 6 courses virtually. Full-time students are enrolled in 6 or more virtual education courses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any 9-12 grade student who resides in Preston County and completes the enrollment paperwork.
- Virtual students must meet state/county enrollment requirements such as immunizations, physical and dental exams.
- The IEP team for special education students must meet and determine if virtual education is the correct placement for the student.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enrolled in first 10 days of semester.
- Must complete the virtual orientation session.
- Must meet the course enrollment requirements including successful completion of prerequisite courses.
- Must maintain a 60% (passing grade) in each course at all times.
- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate in sports or extra-curricular activities.
- Must have consistent access to internet service.
- Must have reliable transportation to and from PHS for testing, tutoring, athletic and extracurricular participation.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students enrolled in virtual education are enrolled in online courses. They are instructed based on the WV College and Career Standards for each course by a certified teacher.

Some assessments for each online course require a test proctor. These tests will take place at PHS with the time to be worked out with the virtual academic coach.

Students who are enrolled part-time in virtual education may be using a blended format where they are taking some courses at PHS and some courses online. Another option could be a homeschooled student who elects to enroll in virtual education for Math or Science courses.

Students enrolled in the virtual program must participate state assessments. At this time that is the SAT test for those students who are in 11th grade. It will be given on April 9, 2019

