- Beginning in 2018-2019 Preston County Schools has a virtual education program policy following a WVDE policy change.

- The program will offer eligible students an online pathway for earning a high school diploma if they satisfy the graduation requirements.

- Virtual Education has two options:
  - **Part-time students** are enrolled in fewer than 6 courses.
    - 4 courses are required for sports eligibility
  - **Full-time students** are enrolled in 6 courses.

Eligibility

- 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 the first 10 days of the semester.

- ▶ Must complete the virtual education 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 extra-curricular activities.

- ▶ Must have consistent access to internet service.

- ▶ Must have reliable transportation to and from PHS for testing, tutoring, athletic and extra curricular participation.

How Does It Work?

- Students are enrolled in online courses taught by teachers using the WV College and Career Standards for each course. Online providers such as Edgenuity and WV Virtual School will be utilized.

  - Students and parents communicate with them using the respective online platform.

- Students must start the course online upon enrollment.

- Students progress though the instructional units using a computer while at home or another location.

- Assignments are submitted electronically.

- Assessments (tests or quizzes) that require a test proctor will take place at PHS with the time to be worked out with the virtual academic coach. Both daytime and evening times will be available.

How Does It Work?

- The PCS virtual academic coach and/or staff from the online provider will make regular contact with students and monitor progress.

- Students may be enrolled part time or full time in virtual courses. A full time virtual student would take all courses virtually. A part-time virtual student may take some courses virtually and some at PHS but not enough total courses to be considered a full time student.

  - Students must earn the appropriate credits to qualify for graduation. A typical full time virtual student will take 6 courses per year for 4 years to qualify for graduation.

- Virtual students must take the SAT during their 11th grade year. This year the school-day SAT is April 9, 2019.

- A PHS student may take a course through WV virtual school that is not offered at the school. Students should work with their guidance counselor for this. Participation in a virtual course in this manner will continue as it has in the past and not make the student a virtual student.

Graduation Requirements

- 2018-2019 freshmen enrolling in the virtual option will be eligible to graduate with a PHS diploma provided they complete:

- 4 ELA credits

- 4 Math credits

- 3 Science credits

- 4 social Studies Credits

- 1 PE credit

- 1 Health credit

- 1 Fine Art credit

- 4 CTE completer or 2 foreign language and 2 career cluster electives

Attendance

- Students enrolled in the full-0time virtual program meeting all course requirements are exempt from attendance requirements. They are considered to be in attendance if they are progressing in their virtual coursework at a rate adequate to complete the course within the timelines.

- Students who take any course at PHS are expected to attend that course daily.   Students will not be permitted to remain on campus for time during which they are not attending a course or activity as supervision is not available.

Nest Steps

- If you believe virtual education is the right option for your child you will need to enroll them as a student in Preston County Schools by completing the registration forms and providing the required documentation.

  - Current students need not complete this paperwork again.

- Upon enrollment the virtual school academic coach (and/or other staff) will meet with you and your child to develop a PEP plan (or make changes if an existing student) and complete the virtual enrolment process.