

**OFF-SITE INSTRUCTION AND VIRTUAL COURSES**

The Alexandria City School Board recognizes that individual student needs requires that the division provide instruction through a variety of formats. To support these unique learning needs Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) provides traditional in-person instruction, homebound instruction, virtual courses, and a virtual school program.

**Homebound Instruction**

ACPS maintains a program of homebound instruction for students who are confined at home or in a health care facility for periods that would prevent normal school attendance based upon certification of need by a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or clinical psychologist. The Superintendent or designee approves applicants for homebound instruction.

Credit for the work is awarded when it is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant subject areas and employed by the School Board, and there is evidence that the instructional time requirements or alternative means of awarding credit adopted by the Board have been met.

During home instruction, the student attendance is recorded according to regulation JEA-R Attendance Regulations.

**Virtual Courses**

Students may enroll in and receive a standard and verified unit of credit for supervised virtual courses with prior approval of the principal. The Superintendent is responsible for developing regulations governing this method of delivery of instruction in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Education that include the provisions of 8 VAC 20-131-110 and the administration of required Standards of Learning tests prescribed by 8 VAC 20-131-30. For courses offered for possible high school credit, standard units of credit are awarded for successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant subject areas. A verified unit of credit may be earned when the student has successfully completed the requirements specified in 8 VAC 20-131-110.

**Credits**

Any credits earned through homebound instruction or approved virtual courses are considered a part of the student’s regular schoolwork and are recorded as such on the student’s cumulative record.

**Virtual School Program**

The Virtual School Program is described in Policy IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs

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57 8 VAC 20-131-30, 8 VAC 20-131-110, 8 VAC 20-131-180.  
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59 Cross Ref.: IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs  
60 IGBGA-R ACPS Online Learning Program  
61 IKFD Alternative Paths to Attaining Standard Units of Credit: Credit-by-  
62 Exam for World Languages  
63 IKFD-R Credit-by-Exam for World Languages Regulations