

Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Code: IDDH	Board Approved: 4/4/22
Gulfport School District Virtual Education Program (GVA)		Previously Approved:

The Gulfport Virtual Academy (GVA) is a virtual learning program offered for students in grades K-10 in accordance with State Board Policy 56.2. For the virtual learning program, all MDE process standards (i.e. student-teacher ratios, instructional practices, planning time, compulsory attendance, teacher evaluations, etc.) will be held to the same standards as in-person learning.

Employment procedures outlined in Policy GBD will be followed for the GVA teachers (i.e. background checks). Teachers will be licensed by the Mississippi Department of Education to teach the respective course.

The content, curriculum, and assessments for each course will be aligned to the competencies, objectives, and standards of the respective Mississippi course. Appropriate course codes will be used. Gulfport School District teachers will be responsible for providing virtual students with 330 minutes of daily instruction through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction using the current Gulfport School District curriculum and grading policy.

Each virtual student will be issued a district device to be used for virtual learning. Students that do not have a reliable internet connection may be issued a district WiFi hotspot. Instructional materials and resources will be provided for virtual students.

All virtual students will take the required statewide assessments for the courses in which they enrolled.

Documentation of the virtual program will be on file at the central office.