



Virtual Learning Plan

To provide virtual learning opportunities for students not attending in-person.



Goal



As a result of the pandemic, the USD 261 administration made the determination that we need to offer virtual learning opportunities for students in grades 3-12. For the 2021-2022 school year, this option will be limited to a maximum of _____ students.

Logistical information to keep in mind:

1. This is NOT remote learning. This is virtual learning.
 - a. Students will not have live teaching all day.
 - b. The curriculum is a purchased, online curriculum.
2. The virtual learning option is a semester commitment.
 - a. Students will not be allowed to transfer back in-person until the beginning of 2nd semester.
3. With the limited spots available, this option is for USD 261 students only.

Next Steps



With the Board of Education's approval to move forward with a virtual option for USD 261 students during the 2021-2022 school year, the following are our next steps:

- Meet with parents to determine the interest in this virtual learning opportunity
- Determine the final number of students & in which grade level
- Select/Develop the USD 261 virtual learning program
- Hire necessary staff to implement a successful virtual program
- Purchase virtual curriculum & resources needed utilizing ESSER funds until we can get it approved by the state



THE GREENBUSH VIRTUAL ACADEMY

The Greenbush Virtual Academy is a partnership program between local school districts and Greenbush to provide a K-12 virtual program for the USD's local resident students. Greenbush, an experienced leader in providing virtual curriculum, is bringing together it's virtual partnership and virtual learning center programs to form the Greenbush Virtual Academy for the 2021-22 school year.

In collaboration with KSDE, Greenbush has developed a K-12 virtual program that will blend both asynchronous learning through an online platform, and synchronous learning opportunities delivered through Zoom or onsite. Greenbush will work with your district to ensure that the needs of your district's virtual students are met according to KSDE's expectations for virtual accreditation. Districts who join the Greenbush Virtual Academy will not need their own virtual program accreditation.



For More Information:

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A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

- Greenbush will enter into an MOU with you to establish a partnership framework for providing a virtual program for your K-12 students. The MOU clearly establishes the roles and responsibilities of each partner to ensure that your students receive the best virtual education possible.
- Key USD responsibilities include special education and ESOL services, student data ownership, and counseling and social work services.
- Key Greenbush responsibilities include the online platform, curriculum and customization, licensed virtual teacher, a student laptop and technology support, and program administration and accreditation.
- The students continue to be enrolled in the USD and are counted as virtual students by the USD.
- The USD receives all state virtual aid produced by the program and Greenbush only charges for those students that generate virtual aid through their count.



OUR INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

- Grade 6-12 students will be assigned to courses taught by a licensed teacher that is endorsed in the content area. These courses will be delivered through the Edgenuity virtual curriculum platform.
- Grade K-5 students will be enrolled in an elementary program taught by a licensed elementary teacher using the Florida Virtual School virtual curriculum platform
- Students will have asynchronous access to instruction through the online curriculum platform, but will also be provided synchronous instructional opportunities delivered via Zoom or onsite.
- Our courses are designed to meet Kansas standards and can be customized to meet any other local requirements
- Local districts establish all local requirements for credits as the credit granting institution.

DISTRICTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE GREENBUSH VIRTUAL ACADEMY WILL NEED TO SIGN AN MOU PRIOR TO KSDE'S FEBRUARY 12, 2021 DEADLINE FOR NEW VIRTUAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.