

## 2021-2022 EXTENUATING STUDENT HEALTH CONDITION: VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTION GUIDELINES

The Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District will begin the school year returning to traditional face-to-face learning with continued enhanced hygiene and disinfection protocols. The ONLY virtual learning option that will be a consideration is to students that demonstrate an extenuating health condition. This will be a limited option intended only for student's whose health concerns limit contact with others and their health care provider document this need.

### **Guidelines**

**Extenuating Health Condition: Virtual Learning Option** will be offered to students as a yearlong learning option. This option is intended for students diagnosed with a rare and serious extenuating health condition which prevents normal school attendance. Students enrolled in this virtual learning option may participate in school sponsored extracurricular activities where virtual participation is feasible. Virtual learners may not participate in non-academic activities such as field trips. If a student's medical condition improves allowing the student to return to school, a medical clearance form must be submitted to the school nurse. If approved, the student understands that the commitment is for the entire school year and they will not be allowed to transition back during the school year.

### **Application Process**

Complete, scan and email signed forms to your building principal. Forms may be located at the school's front office or by contacting the school.

Notification of the student's placement status will be sent to the parent's email provided on the application.

### **Overview**

- Extenuating Health Condition: Virtual Learning Students will follow the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District (SOCSD) academic year calendar.
- All policies in the SOCSD Student Handbook will apply to Virtual Learning Students.
- Core Courses – English, math, science, and social studies will be offered, however, not all electives may be available.
- Participation in this learning option may hinder earning credits and or delay graduation.
- All diploma requirements must be met for students to graduate.
- All grading, promotion, and attendance requirements must be met according to SOCSD policy.
- Students must take summative assessments, benchmark, screeners, and state assessments on campus. (Parents must provide transportation)

### **Delivery of Instruction**

- Instruction will align with SOCSD standards.
- Instruction will be provided by SOCSD teachers.
- Instructional content will be provided via the SOCSD Learning Management System which will include daily live instruction.

- Class assignments and homework will be submitted electronically. Paper packets will not be offered.

**Support from Parent/Guardian**

- Complete SOCSO documentation required prior to the committee review of the request, meet the defined criteria, and be accepted to participate in the virtual learning option.
- Comply with the SOCSO student code of conduct and discipline policies;
- Maintain attendance at all classes outside of any excused absences;
- Complete assignments as given by their teacher;
- Have access to reliable, high-speed internet connection;
- Abide by any other responsibilities approved by the SOCSO;
- Participate in summative assessments, benchmarks, screeners, and the required end of course assessments on campus;
- Attend virtual learning as required for in-person classes;
- Use a district device to complete school work. Any use of devices shall be in line with SOCSO board policy.
- Participate in parent/teacher conferences as needed or requested.