

Regulatory Program Description

This document contains important information about state regulations that apply to your school.

You are enrolling in a school that operates in a “virtual” environment. Enrolling in this school means that your child will be attending a public school that has no physical classroom but still must meet all regulatory requirements for public schools in your state. These requirements include attending school for a required number of days and completing a required number of hours of instruction. While you will experience more flexibility than in a traditional school, students will still be expected to follow the school calendar. The school calendar and the required days and hours of instruction are posted in the School Handbook or may be requested by contacting the Enrollment Team at 1-800-382-6010.

Students will be required to have their attendance recorded on a daily basis in the school’s Learning Management System (LMS). There are additional requirements in order to demonstrate attendance for the required number of days and hours. Students who do not attend school as proscribed by law will be considered truant. Students and their legal guardian(s) are subject to local truancy laws and regulations. Students are also required to participate in state and school standardized tests and to comply with the terms of the School Handbook. Please carefully review the following requirements.

All grade levels: State law provides that legal guardians are responsible for ensuring that their students attend school. Only a legal guardian or a designated representative can record attendance. Attendance must be recorded daily in the LMS. In addition, all students must complete assigned lessons, submit specified assignments to their teachers by mail and online, and complete assessments. Students and/or their legal guardians or designated representatives are expected to participate in regular telephone, email or, if required, in-person contacts with a teacher during the school’s regularly scheduled school hours. If these activities are not completed, then attendance can’t be verified, and the student may be considered truant.

Elementary School (grades K–5): In order to meet attendance requirements and successfully complete their lessons, students will need substantial assistance from a legal guardian or a designated representative who should be with them physically during the school day. The amount of assistance will vary depending on the student’s capabilities to be self-directed and to comprehend the materials. Students must be in a safe and secure environment. Such an environment generally requires that the student has adult supervision during the entire school day in order to meet health and safety regulations. Check your state law to determine the age when a child can be left unattended.

Middle School (grades 6–8): In order to meet attendance requirements and successfully complete their lessons, students will need some assistance from a legal guardian or a designated representative. The amount of assistance will vary depending on the student’s capabilities to be self-directed and to comprehend the materials. Students must be in a safe and secure environment. Such an environment generally requires the regular presence of an adult in order to meet health and safety regulations. Check your state law to determine the age when a child can be left unattended. (Middle school requirements are not applicable in Missouri.)

High School (grades 9–12, not available at all schools): Students are expected to perform their school work independently. However, a legal guardian or a designated representative must still report daily attendance in the LMS and verify that the student has completed the assigned lessons and assessments. This adult is also expected to be available for regular teacher conferences. While students may not need adult supervision during the school day, they must still be in a safe and secure environment. Check your state law to determine the age when a child can be left unattended. (High school requirements are not applicable in Missouri.)