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ONLINE LEARNING/VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

The Evansville Community School District participates as a member of the JEDI Virtual School consortium. JEDI is a public charter school that provides educational services to families whose students are seeking an educational option in the form of online coursework.

Online course options through JEDI include single course offerings or full-time enrollment in the virtual school.

- I. JEDI Single Course Option:
 - A. Course Enrollment Approval:

The following criteria may be used to determine if students are permitted to enroll in virtual school online courses:

- 1. The course is not offered face-to-face by the District.
- 2. In rare cases, although the course is offered by the District, the student is unable to take the course due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict or special circumstance.
- 3. The course is needed to meet an individual education plan, a differentiated education plan, a 504 plan, or a plan to remediate credits for graduation.
- 4. The student is considered a qualified candidate according to the following criteria:
 - a) Course availability.
 - b) Seats open in available courses.
 - c) Course prerequisites are met.
 - d) Past successful academic record in online courses.
 - e) Past academic record in traditional courses.
 - f) Teacher recommendation.
 - g) Parent recommendation.
 - h) Student interview.
 - i) Other valid indicators deemed necessary by the District.
- 5. Approval by the principal.
- B. Enrollment Procedures:

The following procedures and guidelines apply to students enrolled full-time in the District:

- 1. Students and parents/guardians shall discuss JEDI single course options with a school counselor and the District JEDI coordinator. The District JEDI coordinator shall review a syllabus and expected course pacing for each class of interest to determine the best options for the student and report to the counselor and the family regarding their findings.
- 2. Students shall indicate their intention to enroll in JEDI single courses during the normal course scheduling process for the following academic year. The District JEDI coordinator shall provide registration materials to families indicating JEDI single course options with detailed instructions for when they are due.
- 3. Not less than two weeks prior to the beginning of the term for which the student wishes to enroll in the class, the student and parent shall complete the JEDI single course registration form and submit it to the counseling office.

- 4. Students who have submitted applications and tuition payments in the designated timeline shall have access to the JEDI class platform by day one of the term enrolled.
- 5. Enrollment in virtual school online courses at other times of the year due to individual circumstances such as illness or expulsion will be decided on a case by case basis.
- 6. Student may enroll in up to two online courses per year.
- C. A decision denying a request for a virtual school full-time or single course enrollment may be appealed to the District Administrator.
- II. JEDI Virtual School Full-Time Option:

Students wishing to enroll full-time in the JEDI virtual school program as an alternative to traditional programming may request a meeting with parents, counselor, and a JEDI District Coordinator. School officials will then meet to determine the best placement of the student.

- A. Full-time virtual school students must complete all Evansville High School Graduation Requirements in order to receive a diploma from Evansville High School.
- B. Full-time virtual school students may request to rent a laptop provided by the District for a fee of \$50 annually
- III. Virtual School and Online Course Policies and Procedures:
 - A. Wisconsin Statues for attendance apply.
 - B. Acceptable internet and technology use policies, and all other applicable District policies apply.
 - C. Students will be held accountable to the policies and procedures outlined in the JEDI Virtual School Student and Family Handbook.
 - D. Grades received for virtual/online course work will count the same as other course grades. All grades received from virtual/online courses will be recorded on the official student transcript.
 - E. Students are required to participate in state mandated assessments.
 - F. Students may participate in extra-curricular activities offered by the District contingent upon them meeting the conditions of participation.
 - G. Tuition Cost:
 - 1. Students enrolled in single courses are not responsible for the tuition associated with the course.
 - 2. Single courses which are taken by student choice for the purpose of student interest, enrichment opportunity, or to enhance a current course grade (retake the course) when a comparable course is offered by the school, will be charged the cost of tuition.
 - 3. Course time extensions to complete the course are set within allowable ranges by JEDI. Students who exceed the standard time extensions will be responsible for the additional cost incurred by JEDI.

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