

DISTRICT-SPONSORED INSTRUCTION OPTIONS
(K-8 Districts)

The Phelps Co. R-III School District strives to provide a diverse range of courses to meet student needs and interests. In addition to traditional course options, the district encourages staff to seek nontraditional methods of instruction to assist students toward graduation and vocational preparation. Staff are particularly encouraged to seek nontraditional alternatives to provide a wider range of courses for students. In addition, the district may utilize diverse instruction options for homebound students, students under long-term suspension or other students the district determines to be in need of alternative programming.

Nontraditional instruction may include off-campus instruction, virtual instruction or other instructional experiences outside the regular classroom setting. Before arranging for course credit for nontraditional instruction, staff must verify that such instruction is eligible for state aid and is consistent with the instructional goals of the district.

Unless otherwise required by law, participation in nontraditional instruction programs is a privilege. Students who do not succeed in alternative instructional environments may be transferred to other programs, including the district's standard program. Students are subject to district discipline while participating in nontraditional courses. Unless otherwise required by law or approved by the superintendent or designee, students who fail to complete a course, drop out without district permission or are expelled from a course will not be allowed to take another nontraditional course at district expense.

Virtual Instruction

The district may offer virtual courses to enrolled students through district staff or by contracting through a vendor. In addition, the district may pay for a student to enroll in courses provided through the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) Online Learning Consortium, Mizzou KB12 Online, the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP) or other providers approved by the Board.

In order for the district to enroll a student in virtual instruction under this policy, the student must currently be enrolled in the district and remain enrolled in the district throughout the course until credit is earned. A district counselor must approve the course as academically appropriate for the student and must determine that the course will not hinder the student's progress toward graduation with his or her class. All grades and credits earned through district-sponsored virtual instruction will be accepted as if earned within the district. The district will collect state funding to the extent possible for resident students enrolled in virtual instruction.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

Adopted:

Revised:

Cross Refs: JEA, Compulsory and Part-Time Attendance

Legal Refs: ' ' 161.670, 162.1250, RSMo.
5 C.S.R. 20-100.230

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