

## **VIRTUAL PROGRAM OPTION**

The Opelika City School System will provide a virtual pathway or virtual education option for eligible students in grades 9-12. Students enrolled in the virtual program will complete all coursework virtually from their personal device. The coursework allows student scheduling flexibility to complete the course requirements.

The Opelika City Schools Board of Education strongly encourages students to take core curriculum courses in a traditional setting.

Attendance and academic progress will be monitored by the virtual program staff.

All quarterly and state-mandated testing will be conducted onsite at Opelika High School. All full-time students enrolled in the virtual program will be counted in the average daily membership. All full-time students enrolled in the virtual program will participate in all state testing and accountability requirements. Upon satisfying all graduation requirements, students enrolled in the virtual program will receive an Opelika City School System diploma.

Students enrolled in the virtual program are eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities in the school attendance zone in which they reside, and are subject to the same requirements, including Alabama High School Athletic Association rules.

Full-time virtual students shall be exempt from any provision of general law, local law, or administrative rules that apply to the traditional delivery of instruction, including but not limited to, requirements, to the physical presence of a student, student monitoring and security, staffing requirements. Transportation obligations, facility requirements, space and location requirements, time requirements and physical education requirements, to the extent any of the forgoing conflict with the delivery of the virtual program.

Course work offered through the virtual program shall contain the required content as identified in the applicable Alabama Course of Study.

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