

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

The Marengo County School System will provide a virtual pathway or virtual education option for students in grades 9 – 12. Students enrolled will complete coursework virtually from their computers.

Students must meet the following eligibility criteria to participate in the virtual pathway:

- A. Have access to the internet and to a computer outside of school.
- B. Be proficient in reading, writing, and math.
- C. Maintain minimum overall GPA of 2.0 on a scale of 4.0 in courses taken during the current academic year.
- D. Maintain appropriate course progression as measured by the completion of weekly assignments, quizzes, and/or tests.
- E. Remain a student in good standing of the Marengo County School System.
- F. Adhere to the Academic Integrity Contract.

Students must meet the established attendance and academic progress criteria which will be monitored by Marengo County School System staff. All full-time virtual students will be enrolled as a student in the high school zone in which they reside. These students will be counted in the average daily membership. All full-time virtual students will participate in all state testing and accountability requirements. Upon satisfying all graduation requirements, students enrolled in the virtual pathway will receive an Alabama High School Diploma.

Students enrolled in a virtual pathway are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the school in which they are enrolled, according to attendance zone. They are subject to the same requirements, including Alabama High School Athletic Association rules.

Students enrolled in a virtual pathway 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, transportation obligations, and time requirements, to the extent any of the forgoing conflict with the delivery of the virtual program.

Any online course delivery that is not provided by the Alabama State Department of Education shall be accredited by an institution recognized pursuant to administrative rules adopted by the Alabama State Department of Education. Course work offered through the virtual program shall contain the required content as identified in the applicable Alabama Course of Study.

Students participating in the virtual school option are subject to the following attendance requirements which may involve reporting to the school campus:

- A. Virtual school or course orientation.
- B. Guidance, counseling, and advisement sessions.
- C. Conferences called by the teacher, counselor, or administrator.
- D. Tests, quizzes, or assessments required by the teacher, school, state, or federal agencies.
- E. Daily access of virtual course content and satisfying pacing benchmarks as established by the teacher.
- F. Meet all practice, rehearsal, participation, and eligibility requirements to maintain membership in an extracurricular activity.

Marengo County Virtual School students must sign a commitment form attesting to academic integrity regarding each of the following topics. If a student fails to abide by these policies, the student will be removed from the course with a failing grade and will be subject to other consequences as determined by Marengo County Virtual School System Administrators.

- All work must be completed by the students alone.
- Any collaboration among students must be pre-approved by the teacher.
- Plagiarism will not be allowed in any form. This will include copying or using the ideas or words of others and presenting them as one's own.
- Students will not allow others to copy their work.
- Content from the Internet will not be misused or misrepresented.

If an instructor confirms that a student has plagiarized work in any manner, the student will be subject to consequences determined by Marengo County Virtual School Administrative Staff, the distance learning teacher, and the local school system, and will be subject to removal from the course with a failing grade.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____