



Virtual Options & Student Assessment Guidance for 2021-2022 August 12, 2021



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Virtual Options & Pupil Accounting Overview

- Return to pre-pandemic rules.
- Virtual options remain available but are not required.
- Importance of ISD/RESA Pupil Accounting Auditors.
- [Section 21f of the School Aid Act](#)
- [MDE Pupil Accounting Manual](#)



Days and Hours Requirements

- Return to 180 instructional days and 1098 instructional hours for 2021-2022.
- MDE is only approving limited waivers for alternative and innovative programs.
- [Additional Forgiven Time](#)
 - Up to six days, with three additional days available upon request to MDE.



Attendance

- The attendance requirement for 2021-2022 returns to 180 days where attendance is 75% or higher district-wide.
 - 60% for days rescheduled at the end of the school year.
 - 50% for schools with a waiver.
 - Districts may exclude 100% virtual students.



Section 5-0-D: Virtual Learning

- [Educational Development Plan](#) required for all students enrolled in more than two virtual courses.
- Parental consent required.
- Courses need to be approved by board prior to implementation.
- Teacher certification requirements still apply.
- Schools can deny and limit enrollment for a number of reasons.
- A mentor must be assigned to each student.
- Two-way interaction and other rules apply.
- Instruction must be delivered through digital medium; paper packets are not acceptable.



Section 5-0-A: Distance Learning

- Likely the best option for quick and temporary transitions to virtual learning.
- EDPs are not required.
- Parental consent is not required.
- Teacher must be live the entire class period, attendance is expected and absences recorded.
- Emulates the in-person experience for students to the extent possible.
- Students must be equipped with appropriate hardware, software and access.



Charter Contract Amendment

- Submit board-approved [resolution](#).
- Complete and submit a the associated one-page [questionnaire](#).
- Evidence of ISD/RESA collaboration
- [Monthly submissions](#).
- Commitment to assess virtual students in-person.
- Effective for 2021-2022 school year.



Questions or Comments?



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- Be sure to be in regular communication with your respective ISD/RESA pupil accounting department



Student Assessment Guidance Overview

- Return to CMU's standard student assessment requirements and practices.
- Unknown but expected that MDE will return to participation requirements for state tests.
- The Center encourages and is committed to collaboration and proactive communication.
- State law continues to require the administration of benchmark assessments.



Virtual Students

- 2020-2021 presented many challenges for assessing students virtually.
- Virtual students are required to be tested in-person.
- Contact the Center's team if and when challenges arise.



NWEA Testing Windows

- Standard Windows
 - Fall: October 4 – 22
 - Winter (optional): February 14 - March 4
 - Spring: May 16 - June 3
- Extended windows for K-2 and optional science assessment.
- Customized windows for schools beginning school prior to Labor Day.



Participation Rates & Retesting Practices

- Charter Contract requires that all students in grades 3-8 be tested.
- Share information as necessary about participation challenges in the [Assessment Coordinator Verification Form](#).
- Requirement to remain at or below 5% retesting rates. [MAP Growth Request to Exceed 5% Retesting Threshold Form \(A9\)](#).
- [MAP Growth Requirements and Best Practices Guide](#).



Additional Considerations

- The state budget includes reimbursement for the cost of a benchmark assessment. Much like in 2019-2020, the Center will not recapture this reimbursement and will support all schools in securing it.



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