

#### **5.47 MOCAP Virtual Instruction** (January, 2023)

Virtual instruction courses may be available to full-time enrolled students, including virtual courses offered through the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP). Students enrolling with a non-hosted virtual education provider (not hosted by another Missouri Local Education Agency (LEA) or institution of higher learning) must apply for courses using the district process and will remain enrolled as students of the district even after placement in virtual courses. Students enrolling with a virtual program provider sponsored by another Missouri Local Education Agency (LEA) or institution of higher education (hosted provider) must meet residency requirements in the district before enrolling with the hosted provider. Students enrolling in full-time virtual courses with a hosted provider will be unenrolled from the district once acceptance by the hosted provider occurs. Students returning to the district from enrollment with a hosted or non-hosted provider will not be allowed to return to that same virtual provider for the remainder of the current school year.

To be considered eligible to enroll in virtual instruction, a student must be enrolled full-time in the district. A district counselor must approve in advance the course as academically acceptable based on district course and graduation requirements. Counselor course consideration will also be based upon the appropriateness of the course for the student, which shall include consideration of the student's prior participation in virtual courses. Virtual course approval shall be consistent with the determination that is made for such a course request by a district student enrolling in a similar course offered in-person by the district.

If the district disapproves a student's request to enroll in a course or courses provided by MOCAP or another virtual provider, the reason shall be provided in writing, and it shall be for good cause. Good cause shall be a determination that doing so is not in the best educational interest of the student and shall be consistent with the determination that would be made for such course request regarding a similar in-person course offered by the district. As stated above, the determination of course appropriateness may be based upon the student's prior participation in virtual courses. If a student's request for placement in a virtual course is denied, that decision may first be appealed to the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, then to the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee.

For students enrolled with non-hosted providers to receive credit for a virtual instruction class, the student must remain enrolled in the district throughout the course and must complete all required assessments which include, but is not limited to, MAP testing, End-of-Course testing, college or career assessments before credit is earned. All grades and credits earned through a non-hosted provider will be accepted as if earned within the district.