



Act 1240 Digital Learning Waiver Request

Status: **Submitted to ADE DESE**

Bergman School District (0502000)

School Year 2021-2022

Applications will be reviewed in the order received. Incomplete applications will be returned to the district. A notification letter will be sent to the superintendent at the email address listed above upon approval by the Arkansas State Board of Education.

NOTE: The approved application must then be posted on the district website - State Required Information.

District:

LEA #: 0502000
Superintendent: Sarah Alexander
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Duration Requested (not to exceed five years): 5 Years
 (School year 2021-2022 to 2026-2027)

The proposed waiver(s) will apply to the following schools:

LEA(s)	Grades/Courses	Interaction	Delivery	Platforms
0502007 - Bergman High School	9-12 grades	Asynchronous Synchronous	Virtual (Online) / Remote (Distance)	LMS



Waivers

Waiver Topic	Standard for Accreditation	Division Rules	Arkansas Statutes	Indicate if the district is applying for the waiver and explain how the district waiver will be utilized.
Attendance			6-18-213(a)(2)	



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				<p>The nature of digital learning gives students and their families some degree of control over time, pace, path, and place for learning. Special attendance consideration is given to students working at an accelerated pace.</p> <p>District policies and practices regarding student absences apply to digital learning students. Chronic absenteeism may result in a recommendation to return to onsite instruction or a referral to the juvenile court for additional services.</p> <p>A Digital Learning Facilitator (paraprofessional) will be assigned to support the virtual teachers in monitoring attendance weekly. The facilitator will contact each teacher twice a week to monitor attendance and completion of assignments. The Digital Facilitator will access the LMS to determine whether students have completed the assignments, quizzes or tests by viewing the documentation provided by the teacher. This will also determine whether students will need to complete required Zoom sessions with the instructors.</p> <p>The facilitator will then send attendance to the office for recording in eSchool twice a week. The office secretary over attendance, will then determine next steps; a letter to parents, or a meeting with parents.</p>



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<p>Class Size Number of students:</p>	1-A.5	<p>DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load</p>	<p>6-17- 812(a)(2)</p>	
<p>Teaching Load Number of students:</p> <p>Teacher of Record provides virtual instruction to only students who are remote. Please note that 100% virtual (online) or remote (distance) classes are considered large group instruction courses as per DESE Rules for Distance and Digital Learning and teaching load would not apply as per DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load.</p>	1-A.5	<p>DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load</p>	6-17-812	



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<p>Six Hour Instructional Day (Waiver applies to virtual/remote students only)</p>	1-A.4.2		6-16-102; 6-16-126	<p>Virtual students may have more control over the pace of their coursework than those engaged in onsite instruction. Virtual students may work at an accelerated pace and may complete multiple days of work for a class in a shorter amount of time. Therefore, students may not engage in six hours of instruction daily. Some may work ahead, take longer, etc. on some days and work less on other days.</p>
<p>Clock Hours</p>	1-A.2			



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				<p>Because virtual students have more control over the pace of their instruction and learning, mastery of grade level standards and completion of coursework may not require 120 clock hours. Some students will require more time to complete a course and it is possible that some students will be able to finish a course in less time. Instruction is designed so that students master the standards; how long that takes each student may vary.</p>
Recess (Waiver applies to virtual/remote students only)	1-A.4.3	DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index, Section 7.11	6-6-102(a)(5)	

Digital Model

Please complete the following application with responses describing the school and district digital programming.

Interaction / Delivery



What are the ways teachers and students will interact with digital content (Synchronous or Asynchronous)? Please describe instructional expectations and participation for students.

Virtual Arkansas is a “high touch” virtual learning experience that harnesses the benefit of synchronous or “live” instruction married with aligned asynchronous courses. This allows for students and instructors to develop relationships, address needed “just-in-time” instruction, and flexibility with learning. At the High School level, students are provided the opportunity to attend two Zoom sessions per week, per content area, and request additional one:one Zoom sessions as needed. While Zoom sessions are not required, they are highly encouraged as empirical data has shown students who attend Zoom are shown to be more successful than students who do not attend Zoom.

Students with a grade below 70% will attend one Zoom meeting per week with the instructor until the grade raises to above 70%. The Digital Learning Facilitator, will facilitate the necessity of the meetings.

The Digital Facilitator will also have weekly contact with students via Zoom, phone call or email regardless of the grades the student has in Virtual Arkansas courses. This will solidify the connection between the students and school. Our facilitator will be able to be an advocate for students, whether to the principal, teacher or district.

The students are required to work daily on Virtual Arkansas lessons and assignments. The facilitator and teacher will have contact twice a week concerning student engagement and completed course work.

Students/teachers are also able to communicate 24/7 via the CANVAS LMS messaging or the SIS email system that is monitored by Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are expected to reply to students within 24 hours of a student communication during the school week. Students are expected to read and interact with messages in their courses on a daily basis during the school week.



What delivery approach will the school or district utilize to meet the needs of both teachers and students (i.e., virtual (online) / remote (distance) or blended (hybrid)? Please explain.

Bergman High School will utilize online virtual remote learning through Virtual Arkansas. Virtual Arkansas utilizes a synchronous and asynchronous approach or true blended model to online learning. Students will engage in their digital coursework through the CANVAS Learning Management System (LMS). Students will have opportunities to engage in synchronous learning through live scheduled Zoom meetings with their teacher. All learning will take place online.

Students with a grade below 70% will attend one Zoom meeting per week with the instructor until the grade raises to above 70%. The Digital Learning Facilitator, will facilitate the necessity of the meetings.

Interventions may include: required Zoom meetings with teachers if the grade is below a 70%, and onsite tutoring with the Digital Learning Facilitator will be available for additional tutoring or assistance in coursework.

Will teachers be dedicated to primarily remote instruction or serving in a dual role, teaching both remote and in-person learners?
Â *If teachers will serve in a dual role, describe whether it will be simultaneously, meaning remote and in-person at the same time with course/schedule specific considerations.

Bergman High School will be using Virtual Arkansas for its delivery of instruction for our 100% virtual students. Virtual Arkansas provides a fully certified Arkansas teacher of record while we provide the facilitator.

Virtual Arkansas provides training and support for facilitators via the Facilitator Coordinator. This model is a true blended model with synchronous targeted instruction partnered with asynchronous course content and activities.

A paraprofessional at the Bergman High School will be the onsite facilitator of the Virtual Arkansas program. The facilitator will keep in contact once a week with the students to keep track of their grades and progress in the Virtual Arkansas courses.



Describe the expectation for teacher instruction, interaction, and frequency with virtual students.

For students utilizing Virtual Arkansas courses, teachers actively monitor their courses, provide synchronous sessions and maintain regular communication via the LMS and SIS messaging systems. Each week teachers send a grade report to the student and parent/guardian, and initiate further contact with students demonstrating difficulties with course content. Students are highly encouraged but not required to attend all Zoom sessions. Teachers are continuously provided PD and support for providing engaging and relevant synchronous instruction.

If utilizing district waivers for **class size**, what supports will the district put in place to support the teacher and students? How will the district monitor and determine if the supports are adequate for teachers who exceed class size in digital learning settings?

The class size waiver is not requested.

Students will utilize Virtual Arkansas in their home setting. Students who need additional support will have the opportunity to come on campus for support. There is a Digital Learning Lab set up in the Old Main building on campus.

A paraprofessional will be assigned to support the virtual teachers in monitoring attendance weekly. The district will monitor the effectiveness of supports and the need for additional supports through monitoring student progress in the coursework.

Bergman teachers will be available for group tutoring sessions or one-on-one support sessions afterschool in addition to what Virtual Arkansas provides.

If utilizing district waivers for **teaching load**, what supports will the district put in place to support the teacher and students? How will the district monitor and determine if the supports are adequate for teachers who exceed teaching loads in digital learning settings?

By using Virtual Arkansas as the 100% digital learning solution, our school is minimizing the load and responsibility of instruction by allowing face to face teachers to focus on their face to face students.

Note: Virtual Arkansas partners with schools to ensure student success. In cases where districts are using Virtual Arkansas, teacher training and support is solely the responsibility of Virtual Arkansas. Partnership with the schools regarding providing a facilitator and communication back and forth pertaining to students is an ongoing part of the support expected in this model (synchronous/asynchronous) of instruction.

Technology / Platforms



Identify the learning management system/content management system that schools and districts will use? (Canvas, Buzz, Google Classroom, etc.)

The Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) will be utilized through Virtual Arkansas.

Describe the digital content that will be available to students, including any digital curriculum and supports that are available to teachers. If the district is using a content management system (CMS), please specify grades levels and subjects that the CMS will address.

Virtual Arkansas courses are designed and written by subject matter experts (SME's) and who are Arkansas Certified teachers. Virtual Arkansas courses and content are designed and developed using the Arkansas State Standards, Quality Matters standards, and the National Standards of Quality of Online Courses as their foundation. This process includes an internal review of the courses by Quality Matters certified online course reviewers. Courses are designed to be fully ready for student interaction and teachers have all the content needed to effectively provide support and instruction to students.

What video communication software is required for any remote student? Please describe the video communication software the teacher will use to facilitate live conferences between two or more participants.

Students will be utilizing Zoom video conferencing software to participate in synchronous learning sessions with their teacher. The Zoom software is downloaded to the district provided device. The Virtual Arkansas teacher will utilize Zoom to facilitate synchronous sessions with students during scheduled Zoom sessions during the week. The Zoom link and Zoom schedule is placed in a common location within each course.

Describe the technology access (device and connectivity) that will be provided to each digital learning student to ensure each student receives a free public education.

The Bergman School District provides a chromebook to all 9-12 students, including virtual students.

Students with limited or no connectivity will be provided a district-owned hotspot. Drive-up WIFI is also available in any of the parking lots on campus. Students experiencing temporary internet outages or the inability to connect are instructed to contact the school to establish a plan for missed days of instruction.

All district devices are monitored using Go Guardian and filters are in place to meet the provisions outlined in the Children's Information Protection Act.

The Bergman Technology Department is available for support to students and families during school hours via phone or email. Parents and students will receive a troubleshooting guide for the most common technology issues in the event a need arises after hours. The technology staff is also able to access district-owned student devices remotely to troubleshoot.



Student Supports

Describe the manner and frequency the district or school will use to monitor the wellness and safety (food security, physical, mental health, etc.) of students in a total remote setting. (This may be in-person, video communication, etc.). Identify supports available to assist students within the district.



To ensure that families are prepared for learning from home, the Bergman Digital Learning program will require every virtual student and parent or guardian to attend a program entrance orientation. During this event, parents/guardians and students will be instructed in digital learning schedules, introduced to the learning management system, review student and parent contracts, and learn strategies for success in the digital learning program. Support for families will continue throughout the school year in the form of bi-weekly digital program updates and orientation to current topics, including grade reports, and strategies for monitoring student progress. Parents who are unable to report to orientation will be given the opportunity to complete the session asynchronously.

Throughout the first week of school, the Digital Facilitator will conduct orientation of digital learning resources and the platform for both students and parents. Students will be asked to complete a virtual learning survey in the first week to inform of individual needs and possible support areas, including factors influencing access to food, social and emotional well-being, and academic success.

Each student in grade 9-12 will have contact with the Digital Facilitator each week. The Digital Facilitator will act as a mentor for the virtual student. This includes monitoring student progress, attendance, and engagement and making recommendations for student Intervention when necessary. The Digital Facilitator will intervene when students and or families are struggling with non-academic factors. Bergman School District offers breakfast and lunch pick up for virtual students needing access to food.

Virtual Arkansas teachers are trained to employ actions and behaviors to ensure the physical and mental health of students. Virtual Arkansas uses a variety of methods of communication to do this and partners with schools to ensure students are cared for. When a situation arises where intervention is determined to be needed beyond what can be done virtually, Virtual Arkansas will contact the partnering school including the facilitator and counselor to step in to provide intervention. Virtual Arkansas teachers are trained to report any suspected maltreatment/abuse to the Department of Health Services. Additionally, Virtual Arkansas provides ongoing professional development to their teachers to support SEL strategies.



Describe the manner and frequency the district or school will use to monitor the academic and student engagement in a virtual setting. Describe the additional supports available for students struggling with engagement.

Weekly progress monitoring will take place utilizing reports from Virtual Arkansas's learning management system and attendance records from the facilitator. Interventions may include but are not limited to weekly check-in meetings with the facilitator and principal, parent and student meetings with the principal, or a transition to face-to-face instruction.

Bergman High School has access to the Virtual Arkansas SIS and the CANVAS LMS to monitor students in real time. Virtual Arkansas teachers will initiate intervention when a teacher determines a student isn't actively engaging or successfully mastering the content. In cases where needed, Virtual Arkansas will involve the partnering school through the facilitator, first. Virtual Arkansas will contact administrators if the initial intervention is not successful.

Describe the Academic Response to Intervention plan for remote (virtual) students, including additional supports and personnel.



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If a student is not making the required daily academic progress or is not engaging consistently, the Digital Facilitator will intervene. The interventions may include, but are not limited to:

Facilitator:

- A phone call to student and parents
- Create and implement a student intervention plan
- Academic coaching

Students:

- Specific completion of daily and or weekly goals determined by the facilitator and accomplished by the student.
- Mandatory in person or virtual meetings with the teacher, student and or parent to monitor progress.
- Increased time spent on coursework.
- Remediation with the facilitator to ensure success on assignments.

If the information collected does not show improvements in student learning, the student will be referred to the principal. Interventions may include but are not limited to weekly check-in meetings with the principal, parent and student meetings with the principal or a transition to face-to-face instruction.

Students are eligible for face-to-face instructional support during established hours of on-site learning.

Students may continue or elect to enroll in school-based counseling services on campus or remotely.

All services provided by support programs, including Special Education, English Language Learner, or 504 plans, will be provided remotely as available. Students may be required to meet on site for specific services and assessments.

Support Personnel include (but not limited to):

- Mediation/Social Worker
- Counseling/Mental Health Coordinator
- Gifted and Talented Coordinator
- Virtual Learning Coordinator
- Alternative Learning Environment Coordinator
- Special Education Coordinator
- English Language Learner Coordinator
- OUR Co-op Educational Service Center specialists

Additionally, Virtual Arkansas teachers have been trained to identify and intervene with immediacy when a student is determined to not be successful. They are trained to deliver Tier 1 and 2 interventions and, if those are not successful, reach out to the partnering school regarding additional Tier 2 or Tier 3 interventions. Virtual Arkansas also has a PLC structure designed to address intervention with targeted intervention meetings that occur in the 4th and 7th weeks of the 9 weeks



Weeks of the 3 weeks.

Describe the district or school's formative assessment plan to support student learning.

Students in grades 9-12 will complete the STAR Assessment three times per year on-site. During digital student check-ins the facilitator will discuss progress with students.

When possible based on assessment requirements, families will be provided with flexible scheduling options for the assessments: STAR, ACT Aspire Interims and other screening assessments. However, exams with required start times (AP, The ACT, ACT Aspire, Civics, PSAT) will not run on flexible schedules.

Virtual Arkansas courses have periodic formative assessments, checks for understanding, and pre-tests to determine students' mastery of learning throughout the modules of a course that are aligned to the summative module assessments. There are varied methods of assessment utilized both through the asynchronous course with open ended discussions/assessments, choice response activities, multiple choice, and hybrid assessments(open ended and multiple choice). Teachers also use weekly live Zoom to do informal formative checks to ensure clarity for students on asynchronous learning tasks.



Describe how dyslexia screening and services will be provided to digital learning students.

Dyslexia services and progress monitoring will be provided remotely with the Dyslexia Interventionist. Time will be scheduled in the day for providing virtual services for students.

Bergman School District will ensure requirements of dyslexia law will be followed for onsite and remote learners. Our Dyslexia Interventionist, Jean Grifit, will oversee this to ensure equity for all students receiving dyslexia services.

Virtual Arkansas provides accessibility tools to support students with dyslexia including ReadSpeaker that will read any text in the course to students. Virtual Arkansas will provide the needed accommodations/modifications per the individual 504 plan uploaded into the SIS by partnering school.

Describe how Gifted and Talented supports and services will be provided to digital learning students.

GT services will be provided remotely utilizing GT teachers and the learning management system.

Bergman School District will ensure requirements of GT will be followed for onsite and remote learners. Our GT coordinator, Heather Blackwell, will oversee this to ensure equity for all GT students.

All current Virtual Arkansas teachers have been trained with the GT Secondary Course Content training and have support for gifted learners provided within the course as well as a representation of those learning offerings for documentation for partnering schools. New hires will also be expected to attain this training if they do not already have it. Additionally, Virtual Arkansas provides student perception surveys sent out each semester asking for student feedback on their learning experience. A parent perceptions survey will be conducted as well. Teachers are also encouraged to do informal surveys with students regarding the course learning experience throughout the year.



Describe how English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL / ESL) supports and services will be provided to digital learning students.

Program evaluations will be scheduled onsite with the ESL coordinator. ESL services will be provided remotely utilizing ESL staff. Accommodations will be provided through the learning management system. Students will be scheduled on site for the ELPA 21.

Bergman School District will ensure requirements of ESL will be followed for onsite and remote learners, including all decisions made by the LPAC. Our ESL coordinator, Mitzi Cantrell, will oversee this to ensure equity for all ESL students.

Virtual Arkansas provides accessibility tools to support ESOL/ESL and will provide the needed accommodations/modifications per the individual LEP uploaded into the SIS by partnering schools.

Describe how all Special Education services and supports will be provided to digital learning students, including the process for special education evaluations and conferences.

Special Education services and support will be determined by the student's IEP Committee. This committee will determine the method for delivery of services that best meets the needs of the child and agreed upon by all parties, including district and parent/guardians. Accommodations will be provided through the learning management system. Students will be scheduled onsite for special education evaluations. Conferences can be conducted by choice of parent either virtually or onsite.

Virtual Arkansas teachers will provide information for evaluations and conferences when requested. Bergman High School will upload the modification/accommodation sheet to the Student Information System (SIS) within the first 10 days of school or enrollment if enrollment occurs after school begins. Virtual Arkansas courses are designed in such a way that all applicable accommodations/modifications can be met in the course in conjunction with services provided by the partnering school.



Describe common and frequently used digital accommodations that the district or school has provided to general education teachers to assist students in digital learning classes.

Digital accommodations include, but are not limited to: digital copies of notes, text-to-speech embedded in the learning platform, internet browser text reader, extended time on assignments, flexible assignments, and adaptive intervention resources. Student service committees may determine additional Accommodations based on individual student need.

Virtual Arkansas courses meet the guidelines of IDEA and Section 508. All courses are evaluated for accessibility using Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. Additionally, Virtual Arkansas utilizes embedded tools including ReadSpeaker to provide for students who need content read aloud. Virtual Arkansas also follows the Universal Design for Learning Principles to eliminate both visible and invisible barriers to learning.

Teacher Supports

Describe district and school supports to provide on-going digital content and instructional supports for teachers.

Bergman High School will be utilizing Virtual Arkansas as our digital content and digital instruction solution. Virtual Arkansas provides robust online teacher training and development for all new teachers entering the field of online teaching. All Virtual Arkansas teachers are provided both directed/scheduled and embedded professional development activities, book studies, and weekly collaborative teams. Virtual Arkansas provides a team of instructional and digital content experts for just-in-time support for all teachers. Virtual Arkansas also has a team of technology support specialists to assist with any technology issues.

Identify the daily or weekly amount of time teachers will need to develop and plan for instruction based on options selected and digital supports provided. How will the district support teachers with digital content and planning?

Bergman High School will be utilizing Virtual Arkansas for our digital content and digital instruction solution. Virtual Arkansas teachers will utilize curriculum developed by Arkansas subject matter experts (SME's) aligned to Arkansas standards. Schools will provide a facilitator or facilitators, depending upon the number of students, to aid Virtual Arkansas teachers as they provide instruction to the students. Virtual Arkansas will provide training to the partnering school's facilitator(s) and ongoing support to facilitator(s) through Virtual Arkansas' Facilitator Coordinator.

District Supports



Describe how the district will ensure equitable access to opportunities for success for digital learner's needs (poverty, homelessness, migrant, foster care, and military connected students) A link (URL) to the district equity plan may be acceptable if it meets this criteria.

Bergman School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in any of its policies, practices or procedures.

Bergman School District will utilize our facilitator to connect with the HS office, HS Counselor, Sandra Todd, Homeless Liaison, Debbie Atkinson, and HS Principal, Amy Curtis, to ensure equitable access for homeless, poverty, migrant, foster care, and military connected students. This will ensure that students are not missed in the digital learning process.

The district will use the following measures to ensure equitable access:
The budgeting and use of state and federal funds to provide Equitable access to Educational Services.
Equal access to technology devices and support in connectivity.
Coordination with District support service programs, including special education, 504, ESL, GT.

The Bergman School District provides a chromebook to all 9-12 students, including virtual students.
Students with limited or no connectivity will be provided a district-owned hotspot. Drive-up WIFI is also available in any of the parking lots on campus. Students experiencing temporary internet outages or the inability to connect are instructed to contact the school to establish a plan for missed days of instruction.
All district devices are monitored using Go Guardian and filters are in place to meet the provisions outlined in the Children's Information Protection Act.



All students are expected to test (statewide summative assessments) onsite as per DESE guidance. Provide an overview of how the district may communicate to parents and test digital learning students at a district site.

When possible based on assessment requirements, families will be provided with flexible scheduling options for the assessments. STAR, ACT Aspire Interims and other screening assessments. However, exams with required start times (AP, The ACT, ACT Aspire, Civics Exam, PSAT) will not run on flexible schedules.

Parents will be notified of the on-site testing requirements:
During initial enrollment and in the virtual learning contract.
Within the virtual learning handbook.
In weekly virtual learning updates leading up to each test administration.

The district will utilize DESE guidelines when testing virtual students, which includes:
Testing virtual students as a separate cohort from their grade level group.
Organizing small group virtual testing rooms to accommodate the need for additional social distancing.

Provide a detailed explanation of how the district will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the digital option(s) and the fidelity of implementation as described within this application.

In order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the virtual learning program, the district will:
Conduct student learning surveys in the first week of the program to determine student support needs and survey to reassess those needs at midyear and in the spring.
Survey parents after each orientation session to determine immediate needs and develop supportive response.
Analyze student data of course progress and STAR growth to determine instructional effectiveness.
Analyze student conduct and analyze parent and student forums and surveys two times per year in each grade band.
Utilize the Ready for Learning Committee to analyze relevant data and program effectiveness.

Virtual Arkansas provides the partnering school with access to the SIS and CANVAS LMS. Facilitators are trained to pull grades from the SIS weekly to monitor student progress. Additionally, parents can access student grades through the Canvas App. Teachers send weekly reports via the SIS messaging that is sent to both student and parent email.



Describe how the teacher(s) will engage families into the digital learning process. (District may link the District Engagement Plan if digital learning is included. The plan must address how the district will support parents/students with digital tools and resources)

Family feedback and input was a key component in the development of the Bergman School District digital learning plan. Throughout the 2020-21 school year, parents provided feedback that assisted in the development of the digital learning plan.

Bergman District will communicate and involve families by sending monthly feedback surveys via email, text and website postings. Ongoing parent meetings will be available for parent and student support with digital tools and resources. Parent meetings will take place via Zoom or face to face.

The District also communicates with software that texts, calls or emails parents; K-12 Swift. We encourage parents to keep an open line of communication for any way that the school can be of assistance.

The District will support parents and students with digital tools and resources by conducting Zoom meetings, face to face meetings and parent nights as continuing education throughout the year. Our plan is to do this every 6 weeks through our Digital Facilitator.

The High School holds family nights throughout the year, CAPS nights for scheduling and planning for career and graduation.

In addition, Virtual Arkansas provides parent/guardian informational webinars throughout the school year for families of students in Virtual Arkansas courses. Virtual Arkansas teachers communicate course and grade updates weekly to parents/guardians with provided email addresses. Parents/guardians are also given access to the Parent Canvas App which allows them to monitor their students activity and grades within the course. Family engagement is highly valued and encouraged throughout the year by providing regular Virtual Arkansas updates, emails from teachers, just in time meetings at the local level, and up to date information on the Virtual Arkansas website, including the Virtual Arkansas Parent Guide (linked here).

Provide the URL to evidence of the local school board's approval of the waiver request(s).

https://www.bergman.k12.ar.us/368020_4 Board Approval: March 30, 2021



Provide a URL to evidence of stakeholder feedback regarding the waiver request(s) and the district communication plan regarding digital learning program(s).

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zrx-hNeJN4PJtAgswmmlC4NTgzo_wwlF/

Policies

Please provide a link (URL) to the attendance policy for digital learning students.

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