

TO: Gearl Loden, Ph.D.
FROM: Leigh B. Mobley, Ph.D.
DATE: September 7, 2016
RE: NEW Board Policy Recommendation- FIRST READING

Pursuant to board Policy BDE:

The board policy manual will be reviewed on a regular basis under the direction of the superintendent or designee, in consultation with appropriate Directors, Principals and Staff, and reported to the superintendent according to a minimum schedule.

The following policy is submitted as a NEW policy to be added to the Tupelo Public School District Board Policy Manual.

This will be a first reading of this proposed new policy. This policy falls under Section I Instructional Program.

The New policy is: IAA Blended Learning

This policy is attached for first reading.

Respectfully Submitted:



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District: Tupelo Public School District

Section: I - Instructional Program

Policy Code: IAA - Blended Learning

1. The Board recognizes that certain students of the District may derive an educational benefit by enrolling in blended learning classes, whereby they may learn through face-to-face instruction combined with a computer-based, online learning environment. Therefore, the Board approves of the establishment of blended learning classes in the District.

2. The Board authorizes the superintendent to establish blended learning classes in accordance with this policy and in conformance with Mississippi law.

DEFINITION

“Blended learning” is a hybrid instructional delivery model in which students are provided face-to-face instruction as needed and a computer-based, internet-connected learning environment with some degree of pupil control over time, location, and pace of instruction, and in which a certified teacher is responsible for providing instruction and monitoring the student’s progress.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Blended learning classes may be offered at Tupelo High School and Tupelo Middle School.

2. The District will make students and parents aware of the blended learning classes offered by:

- a. posting the blended learning classes on the District website;
- b. notifying them through the District mass notification system (AlertNow, etc.); and
- c. sending emails to the families of enrolled students.

Students may also be advised of blended learning course offerings through their counselors or teachers.

3. Criteria for being eligible to take a blended learning course will be determined by the course

content.

4. At the discretion of the administration, some blended learning courses will be offered for credit recovery.

5. Blended learning courses will be offered by grade level or by subject area. The content, curriculum, and assessments for each blended learning course will be aligned to the competencies, objectives, and standards of the respective Mississippi course.

6. State assessments will be given where applicable.

7. Parents of students enrolled in blended learning classes will be informed of their grades through Active Parent.

8. High school students must be enrolled at Tupelo High School and middle school students must be enrolled at Tupelo Middle School in order to be eligible to enroll in a blended learning class. Students may enroll in no more than one blended learning class per semester at Tupelo High School. At Tupelo Middle School, students may enroll in no more than one blended learning class during the school year.

Adopted Date:

Approved/Revised Date: