

ACT 1240 Digital Learning Application Addendum 2021

Please revise the sections that apply to your district's application only.

District	Greenbrier Public Schools
Superintendent	Scott Spainhour
Revised waiver request timeline (up to 3 years)	3 years
Instructional Model	
Revised teaching load cap to under 190 or less	N/A
Revised Asynchronous Model	N/A
Elementary K-6 Model Only	
Detailed description of elementary reading program aligned to Science of Reading	<p>The digital literacy curriculum includes the Five Essential Components of Reading Instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Phonemic awareness,</i> <i>Phonemes are the smallest units making up spoken language</i> • <i>Phonics</i> • <i>Vocabulary development</i> • <i>Reading fluency, including oral reading skills</i> • <i>Reading comprehension strategies</i> <p>The K-2 courses set the foundation for the youngest learners with exposure to Concepts of Print, Decoding, Language and reading comprehension through teacher-led lessons taught in a systematic, explicit, and sequential way. In addition to the teacher-led and online instruction, there are home practice activities led by their parent learning coach. The 3-5 courses continue to dive deeper into language comprehension, word recognition and skilled reading. In the K-3 courses we have Benchmark and Synchronous Assessments aligned to standards taught in the course. In the 4th-6th grade courses, there are module</p>

	<p>exams aligned to standards. The curriculum is designed to help students master the art and science of reading and is easily adapted to meet district or state requirements for Science of Reading. The specific Science of Reading connections are:</p> <p>Phonological Awareness: Covered in K-3 courses with concepts and terms, applying language syllables, onset-Rime, and phonemes.</p> <p>Phonics: Covered in Grade 3 with sound spelling patterns, prefixes/suffixes, syllable division, digraphs, blends, and diphthongs. Covered in 4-5 with learning word endings, learning Latin and Greek Roots, and all syllable patterns.</p> <p>Comprehension: Covered by using story elements, novel study guides, summarizing, identifying main ideas, recognizing story structure, expository text, narrative text, understand and identifying different genres</p> <p>Vocabulary: Covered by context clues, prefixes and suffixes, learning word endings, learning Latin and Greek roots, and strategies for deciphering word meanings.</p> <p>Ensuring that all components of the Science of Reading are met is an ongoing work-in progress. Virtual staff and district staff will continue to identify areas that need additional supplements and add those where needed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the teacher engage students in direct instruction in the Science of Reading? 	<p>Teachers will use evidence based science of reading practices for all K-6 students.</p> <p><u>For Grades K-2</u></p> <p>Students will be required to meet synchronously each day. During this time, the teacher will model decoding skills that students will need to master, such as phonological awareness activities including advanced phonemic awareness tasks, grade</p>

	<p>level standards based syllable types and syllable breaking patterns, letter-sound correspondences (sound walls/phoneme-grapheme mapping skills), and morphemic units. Students will practice and participate in activities during synchronous lessons, and then they will have independent practice opportunities throughout the day. Students will be assessed using diagnostic assessments and level one components in grades K-2. Those results as well as mastery, pacing, and engagement in course will determine the need for additional interventions. Along with decoding assessments in RAZ kids that help to diagnose needed reading interventions and provide instruction at the student's appropriate reading level w/ decodables. These interventions will be daily with a virtual teacher one-to-one instruction. Virtual teachers will collaborate with the District Connection Coach on student progress.</p> <p>An example of a daily lesson below might resemble the following:</p> <p>Review Phoneme/grapheme review with the card deck Phonological Awareness Activities Teacher shows letter cards for those letters that have been taught. Students tell the sound of each card (letter is, sound is). (P says /p/) Introduce New Skill Auditory Discovery Visual Discovery Keyword Practice reading words Teach Irregular Words for decoding Practice reading phrases and sentences using decodable texts aligned to skills currently and previously taught.</p>
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	<p>To further engage virtual students, literacy kits will be provided to each family. These kits will include materials to create a sound wall for their home classroom as well as other manipulatives.</p> <p>For 3-6: Students will be required to meet synchronously four days each week, with the option to add an additional day depending on student progress. During this time, the teacher will model strategies to analyze words by teaching morphological units such as common prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots and the etymology of words. As an extension of prior learning, students will practice with syllable division of multisyllabic words. Vocabulary will be taught using morphology and background knowledge using various strategies: discussion, videos, student research and read-alouds. Comprehension will be supported by reading texts with accuracy, using common strategies such as: comprehension monitoring, summarizing, analysis of reading passages for text structures and verbal reasoning. Students will practice and participate in activities during synchronous lessons, and then they will have independent practice opportunities throughout the day. Students will be assessed using diagnostic assessments in 3-6. Those results as well as classroom observations/assessments will determine the need for additional interventions.</p> <p>An example of a daily lesson below: Review Word study/Morphology Vocabulary Comprehension/Language structures Writing</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will teachers engage students in small group instruction at least 3 times a week for K-2? 	<p>Virtual teachers will engage students in synchronous small group instruction. Groups will be formed using data from a variety of formative assessments. With this data, students will be pulled for small group instruction or one-to-one. The data will be analyzed daily, and students will meet at least 3 times a week for additional interventions. The data gathered will be used to personalize the students' specific instructional needs. During these synchronous sessions, teachers will model and then allow students to practice specific targeted skills. Virtual paraprofessionals will be available to assist in providing engaging small group instruction.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will interventions be provided in K-6? 	<p>The virtual teachers will use data from formative assessments to provide targeted and timely interventions for each student. Students will meet synchronously for one-to-one or small group interventions. A team approach to interventions will be implemented by involving virtual staff, parent/adult, and district staff.</p> <p>Strategies for interventions include personalizing the student's learning pathway, providing point-in-time, leveled scaffolding, providing multisensory activities, supplying at-home resources for parents, and rewarding success.</p> <p>If a student is still not mastering the skill, face-to-face sessions will be coordinated with the family, virtual staff, and/or district staff.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the number of students per teacher per course and the grade level of the students? 	<p>Greenbrier: Grades K - 1 No more than 20 (12-15 is target) Grades - 3 No more than 25 (15 to 18 is target) Grades 4 - 6 No more than 30 students per course (20-25 is target)</p> <p>Edgenuity: Grades K-5 No more than 50 per grade Grade 6 No more than 150 per each of the 5 content areas</p>

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<p>Consortium or Digital Provider Information Required</p>	
<p>Revised Provider/District Connection for Student Success</p>	<p>The district Connection Coach will serve as an extension of the school district. This option for students and families will be a partnership involving Greenbrier district staff, virtual staff, and parent/adult home learning coach. In addition to the information provided through the Digital Learning Plan Template entered into LEA Insights, please find a brief overview of ways students will be connected to their home district. Some of these include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Calendars</p> <p>K-6 Edgenuity Virtual Staff will be flexible enough to allow each child to operate on the same calendar as the Greenbrier Public School district. They will make the adjustments to their daily expectations and work assignments based on their sending school calendar.</p> <p>District Connection Coach</p> <p>Greenbrier will provide a staff member that will serve as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ambassador for virtual learning and the Greenbrier Public Schools, - bridge from school to virtual campus - the local “face” of the virtual campus • advocate for their students and families,

- support seeker/partner with K6 Edgenuity Virtual Staff to provide support for students and families
- first line of communication and contact for parents and students for district information, technology support, and overall help.
- enroll students, coordinate orientation activities/on-site sessions, and build relationships with families.

The Connection Coach will receive training and work with virtual staff to establish a communication chain.

Communication

The School Principal, Connection Coach, and K6 Edgenuity Virtual teachers will communicate on a daily and/or weekly basis regarding virtual students.

Virtual and district staff will use ZOOM, email, phone, text and face-to-face methods to communicate with students and parents. The district and virtual staff will create a communication plan that meets the needs and expectations of the students, parents, and schools.

Connection Strategies

One of the goals of the Greenbrier Public School Campus will be to keep students connected to our district and community.

Some of the strategies include:

- Hold district specific ZOOM sessions where the Connection Coach is updating parents and students on upcoming events and information.
- Students will be asked to explore the Greenbrier communities in assignments and projects.
- In partnership with the District Connection Coach, staff will keep students apprised of school events and clubs in which they may wish to participate. Weekly emails will be sent out by Connection Coach with events

and information. (i.e. morning announcements, bulletins from the school.)

- District team will meet to determine needed support and services for each child enrolled in the K6 Edgenuity Virtual Campus. A personalized student success plan will be created for students to guide them in their educational journey.
- Student and Parent Learning Coach Orientation will be held at Greenbrier Public Schools campus.

Connection to Counseling Services

Once the student enrolls in the K-6 Virtual Campus, a Greenbrier Public School counselor will be assigned to the student. Since the students are still enrolled in Greenbrier Public Schools, parents and students can always contact the school counseling office. On Campus counseling sessions will be available for students.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

These will be held on the same schedule as Greenbrier Public Calendar. Virtual staff will partner with our Greenbrier Connection Coach to hold conferences via ZOOM or in person. Virtual staff will partner with Greenbrier to accommodate the parents and meet school expectations.

Student Services

All Special Student Services would be a partnership between Greenbrier Public Schools and Virtual teachers. The student is enrolled at Greenbrier where we hold the IEP, 504 plan, Dyslexia plan, ESL plan, gifted and talented designation, and therapy referrals. The ultimate responsibility for meeting the special needs and plans for a student is held by Greenbrier. The virtual campus and staff would implement the modifications, attend district meetings as requested, provide documentation and support, and perform the same responsibilities the teacher-of-record at

	<p>the district would perform for special student services in their classroom.</p> <p>Tech Support</p> <p>The member districts' tech teams will provide support as needed.</p>
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