

## ACT 1240 Digital Learning Application Addendum 2021

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

District	Hermitage
Superintendent	Dr. Tracy Tucker
Revised waiver request timeline (up to 3 years)	3 years (2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024)
<b>Instructional Model</b>	
Revised teaching load cap to under 190 or less	<p>HSD will work with our provider, Virtual Arkansas, to ensure that their teachers do not exceed the teaching load of 1 teacher per 190 students.</p> <p>As for district teachers working with virtual students for support, we will ensure that no HSD teacher exceeds the teaching load of 1 teacher per 190 students. This is not normally an issue for our teachers because of our staff/student ratios, but we will monitor this to ensure that, while supporting the 10 students that could participate in Virtual Learning, no teacher goes over this expectation.</p>
Revised Asynchronous Model	N/A
<b>Elementary K-6 Model Only</b>	
Detailed description of elementary reading program aligned to Science of Reading	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will the teacher engage students in direct instruction in the Science of Reading?</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will teachers engage students in small group instruction at least 3 times a week for K-2?</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will interventions be provided in K-6?</li> </ul>	N/A

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the number of students per teacher per course and the grade level of the students?</li> </ul>	N/A
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<b>Consortium or Digital Provider Information Required</b>	
Revised Provider/District Connection for Student Success	<p><b><u>Excerpts from our Guidance Document:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORIENTATION/LEARNING ABOUT COMMUNICATION</u></b></p> <p>HSD will provide a mandatory Orientation held via Zoom for parents and students enrolled in Virtual Learning prior to the first day of school. This time will be used to make sure students know how to access Canvas, school district email, how to communicate when they need help, how to seek help when struggling with learning or attendance, how to request help with technology, etc. and will allow time for parents and students to ask questions and seek further information.</p> <p>The School Nurse, Social Worker, Counselor, Student Services Coordinator, and those over special programs (ELL, GT, etc.) will be available to Virtual students. The HSD Virtual Facilitator will, once again, bridge the gap between HSD staff and students. District email will be utilized for communication, in addition to face-to-face visits when students are on-site for assessments.</p> <p>The HSD Virtual Learning facilitator will be the communication link between the</p>

	<p>school, the student, the parents, and Virtual Arkansas.</p> <p>HSD will provide tutorials for parents on use of provided technologies and the provided learning management platform. These tutorials will be linked to the HSD website, <a href="http://www.hermitageschools.org">www.hermitageschools.org</a>. The district will communicate with families through the school messaging system, the Hermitage School District APP, the Hermitage School District website, and the Hermitage Schools Information Page on Facebook. The main point of contact between students, parents, and the district for communication and student services will be the HSD Virtual Learning Facilitator.</p> <p>HSD employs a full-time technology coordinator who will be available to help students as needed with technology issues. This coordinator is available each school day between 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Additionally, HSD office staff and principals may be able to assist and can be reached at the HSD main phone line at (870) 463-2246. Email addresses will be provided to Virtual Learning students at the beginning of the school year in the Guidance Document.</p> <p>HSD requires weekly check-ins with students for social/emotional support by a member of the school's Behavior and Attendance Team (either the counselor, social worker, dean of students, or principal). These check-ins may be in person or by video communication.</p>
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	<p>HSD will also make students and parents aware of opportunities for additional support provided by the state for learning loss. This information will be posted on our website under the American Rescue Plan Act tab at the top of the homepage.</p> <p>The Child Nutrition department at HSD will provide meals to students that meet all mandatory regulations for healthy meals. Specific dates/times for meal pickup will be provided at the beginning of the school year.</p>
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