



Act 1240 Digital Learning Waiver Request

Status: **Reviewed**

 Lake Hamilton School District (2605000)

School Year 2021-2022

! New Digital Learning Waiver requests can not be created after May 1st. Existing drafts and revisions will continue to be reviewed.

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 #: 2605000
Superintendent: Shawn Higginbotham
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Phone: (501) 767-2306
Duration Requested (not to exceed five years): 3 Years
(School year 2021-2022 to 2024-2025)

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

LEA(s)	Grades/Courses	Interaction	Delivery	Platforms
2605033 - Lake Hamilton Elementary Sch	K-12	Asynchronous	Virtual (Online) / Remote (Distance)	LMS
2605034 - Lake Hamilton High School		Synchronous		
2605036 - Lake Hamilton Interm. School				
2605035 - Lake Hamilton Jr. High School				
2605037 - Lake Hamilton Middle School				
2605038 - Lake Hamilton Primary School				



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)	<p>Request Waiver-</p> <p>A student in a virtual/remote environment who is not physically present on campus will be marked present if the student stays engaged in the remote learning.</p> <p>Definition of Engagement- A student logs in weekly to the learning platform, participates in scheduled zooms, and submits assignments according to specified due dates. The adjustment may be made to meet an individual student based on their IEP, 504, or LPAC plan.</p> <p>Extenuating circumstances that require longer periods of time to complete assignments - the digital learning coordinator or building administrator will work with the student and family to create a student success plan.</p> <p>AMI days or days when a class or school needs to pivot to remote learning - attendance will be determined by the District's AMI plan.</p>



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.
Class Size Number of students:	1-A.5	DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load	6-17-812(a)(2)	Request Waiver for K-6- At no time will there be more than 22 Kindergarten students in a class. At no time will there be more than 27 students in a 1st-6th grade class.
Teaching Load Number of students: 66 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.	1-A.5	DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load	6-17-812	NOT Requesting Waiver- Teachers of record who are dedicated to teaching virtually or have a virtual class will adhere to DESE's rules regarding large group instruction and teaching load would not apply as per DESE rules.
Six Hour Instructional Day (Waiver applies to virtual/remote students only)	1-A.4.2		6-16-102; 6-16-126	



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.
				<p>Request Waiver-</p> <p>The District will not be required to provide a school day that averages six (6) hours per day or thirty (30) hours per week on days, or portions of days when virtual/remote approaches are the primary instructional delivery or for specific groups of students that are receiving their instruction primarily through technology-based approaches.</p> <p>Students in a virtual/remote setting where they are learning synchronously or asynchronously will learn in their own time, place, and pace. This may mean that 6 hours for an instructional day may not be required.</p>



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.
Clock Hours	1-A.2			<p>Request Waiver-</p> <p>Students in a virtual/remote setting where learning is synchronous and/or asynchronous will learn in their own time, place and pace. This may mean that the 60 hours of seat time for .5 credit or required clock hours may not be needed to master the course standards.</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)	<p>Request Waiver-</p> <p>Request to waive the DESE rules governing physical activity standards (recess) for students in a virtual/remote setting.</p> <p>The district is waiving the requirement of providing forty (40) minutes of recess on days, or portions of days, when technology-based approaches are the primary instructional delivery or for specific groups of students that are receiving their instruction primarily through technology-based approaches. Students will be assigned lessons that support physical activities while learning asynchronously; however, it will not include synchronous supervision.</p>



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.



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Details for Elementary Instruction

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q2zovUpJAivQUzSegFFJVLfN1bQ-rtyJnW829aPg0mE/edit?usp=sharing>

Dawson Education Service Cooperative (ESC) K-6 Virtual Program is a virtual/remote learning experience that combines some synchronous instruction with aligned asynchronous courses. Dawson ESC K-6 Arkansas certified and licensed virtual teachers will be employed by Dawson ESC. This model allows for flexibility with learning, student-teacher relationships, and targeted learning for all students. Students will have the opportunity to attend three Zoom sessions per week for core content courses and one Zoom per week for enhancement courses (i.e. Music, Art, PE). All K-6 virtual students will be required to attend a minimum of two Zoom sessions per week. It is highly encouraged that students attend all Zoom sessions each week. Students may request additional one:one Zoom sessions as needed. Research shows that students who attend Zoom sessions are more successful than students who do not attend Zoom sessions. Teachers and students will be able to communicate twenty-four hours a day using the Edgenuity-Genius Learning Management System or through the Dawson ESC email system. Dawson ESC virtual teachers are expected to communicate with parents and students in the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program on a daily basis Monday - Friday.

Lake Hamilton School District will require daily zooms for students in the lower grades (K-2) to ensure the Science of Reading requirements are met for the students. Lexia Core 5 will also be utilized by Dawson ESC Virtual Program teachers for students in grades K-5 to supplement reading instruction.

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Virtual Arkansas is a virtual/remote learning experience that harnesses the benefit of synchronous or “live” instruction combined with aligned asynchronous courses. This allows for students and instructors to develop relationships, address needed “just-in-time” instruction, and flexibility with learning. Students are provided the opportunity to attend two Zoom sessions per week, per content area, and request additional one:one Zoom sessions as needed.

Lake Hamilton students in grades 7-12 utilizing Virtual Arkansas will be required to attend at least one zoom session per week. 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.

K-6

Lake Hamilton School District will utilize online/virtual (remote) learning through the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program. The program will provide instruction using a dual model of both synchronous and asynchronous online learning. Students will engage in digital coursework through the Edgenuity-Genius Learning Management System (LMS). All students will have the opportunity to participate in live Zoom sessions for synchronous learning with the teacher. All learning and instruction will be online/virtual (remote).

All virtual students will be invited to participate in all field trips, academic competitions, and other special enrichment functions that occur in the brick and mortar.

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Grades 7-12 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.



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.

K-6

Lake Hamilton School District will use the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program for delivery of instruction for students that are 100% virtual. The districts in the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program consortium will provide Arkansas certified teachers of record. The K-6 teachers will be employed by Dawson ESC. Dawson ESC virtual teachers will be dedicated to only virtual/remote learners. Lake Hamilton School District will also provide a District Point of Contact (designee), Lori Bush. The District Point of Contact (designee) will be the first point of contact for the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program teachers or digital learning coordinator regarding attendance, grades, concerns or issues that may arise. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will provide training and support for the District Point of Contact (designee). The ESC K-6 Virtual Program will have Arkansas certified teachers as the instructors for all course content from the Edgenuity-Genius LMS. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program is a model with synchronous targeted instruction partnered with asynchronous course content and enrichment. All Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual teachers will be required to participate in professional development and digital training with support from the Dawson ESC K-6 Digital Learning Coordinator.

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Lake Hamilton School District grades 7-12 will be using Virtual Arkansas for its delivery of instruction for our 100% virtual students. Virtual Arkansas will provide Arkansas certified teachers of record. Virtual Arkansas is a model with synchronous targeted instruction partnered with asynchronous course content and enrichment. Virtual Arkansas teachers will be dedicated to only virtual learners.

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



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Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program students will be required to attend a minimum of two Zoom sessions per week. It is highly encouraged that students attend all Zoom sessions each week. Research shows that students who attend Zoom sessions are more successful than students who do not attend Zoom sessions. Teachers and students will be able to communicate twenty-four hours a day using the Edgenuity-Genius Learning Management System or through the Dawson ESC email system. Virtual teachers are expected to communicate with parents and students in the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program on a daily basis Monday - Friday. Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual teachers are expected to monitor students and provide a weekly status report to students and parent/guardians, and initiate further contact with students that are demonstrating difficulties with course content. Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual teachers are required to respond to parent/guardian/student communication within a twenty-four hour time period. All teachers are continuously provided PD and/or support for engaging and relevant synchronous instruction.

Lake Hamilton will require daily zooms for students in the lower grades (K-2) to ensure the science of reading requirements are met for the students. Lexia Core 5 will also be utilized by Dawson ESC Virtual Program teachers for students in grades K-5 to supplement reading instruction.

K-2 teachers are expected to deliver a minimum of 5 zoom sessions per week per grade level and 3-6 teachers are expected to deliver a minimum of 3 zoom sessions per week per grade level. In addition, teachers will zoom with small groups or individual students as needed based on student need indicated by formative assessments.

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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. Lake Hamilton students utilizing Virtual Arkansas are required to attend at least one Zoom session per week but are highly encouraged to attend all Zoom sessions. Teachers are continuously provided PD and support for providing engaging and relevant synchronous instruction.

Career Technical Education courses will be provided asynchronously through Virtual Arkansas in the 7th and 8th grades. Lake Hamilton does not have any virtual learning applications from students in 9th through 12th grades.



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?



Lake Hamilton School District will utilize waivers for class size K-6.

The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will utilize district waivers for class size.
The following student:teacher ratios will be followed:

Core Courses

There will be 1 teacher for all the Kindergarten and 1st grade students combined. That teacher will be assigned 47 students (22 Kinder + 25 1st grade) throughout the day, but at no time will there be more than 25 students scheduled in a class. This teacher for K-1 will teach 22 kindergarten and 25 first grade students in an asynchronous environment. Kindergarten and first grade students will have synchronous instruction from the teacher at different times throughout each day. Students in these grades have the same teacher for all of their core courses.

Two teachers will teach 27 second grade, 27 third grade, 24 fourth grade, 27 fifth grade, and 27 sixth grade students. One teacher will have grades 2,3, and half of 4 which is a total of 66 students throughout the day. The second teacher will have the other half of the 4th grade, 5th, and 6th for a total of 66 students throughout the day. At no time will there be more than 28 in a class. The students will have synchronous instruction from the teachers at different times. Students in these grades have the same teacher for all of their core courses. These virtual teachers will have only virtual students. They will not be teaching any students face to face.

Electives

Physical Education (PE) (K-6): Physical Education will be taught by the K-6 virtual teacher. Students will zoom once per week for physical education. Students track their activities, and their activity reports are reviewed and graded by the teacher. Therefore, the average student-to-teacher ratio for Physical Education is not relevant, but if it was calculated in a similar manner to other courses, it would be about 200:1.

Music and Art (grades K-6): Multiple cooperatives are creating a consortium where 1 licensed art teacher and 1 licensed music teacher will be hired. The art teacher will zoom once per week with students. The music teacher will zoom once per week with the students. Students track their activities, and their activity reports are reviewed and graded by the teacher. Therefore, the average student-to-teacher ratio for Art and Music is not relevant, but if it was calculated in a similar manner to other courses, it would be about 200:1.

All Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program teachers will be trained on the Edgenuity-Genius LMS and provided support through professional development. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program Digital Learning Coordinator will also provide support for students, teachers and parents as needed.

Dawson ESC K-6 virtual students will receive support through robust grading



LEA INSIGHTS

Dawson LEA will provide virtual students with receive support through robust grading and feedback provided by virtual teachers. Teachers will pull students as needed into small groups and one on one sessions to provide extra support when needed. District Point of Contact (designee) will inform proper school staff of any support needed. School district will provide the extra support as needed and that is aligned with school policy. This could be a home visit, parent conference, face-to-face tutoring in a brick and mortar setting, etc.

Dawson Digital Learning Coordinator and District Point of Contact will monitor the effectiveness of class size through evaluations, student level of mastery, and student engagement through attendance.

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Lake Hamilton School district will not utilize district waivers for class size in grades 7-12.

The Virtual Arkansas teacher 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.

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.

The Lake Hamilton School District Point of Contact (designee) will monitor the effectiveness of class size through evaluations, student level of mastery, and student engagement through attendance.

Lake Hamilton does not have any virtual learning applications from students in 9th through 12th grades.



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?

NOT requesting waiver

Technology / Platforms

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

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The Edgenuity-Genius Learning Management System (LMS) will be utilized for the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program. At home or wherever the Internet is accessible, this user-friendly online system connects students with their lessons, teachers, and resources.

Because much of the learning and record keeping is done online through Edgenuity-Genius LMS, Dawson ESC K-6 Digital Learning Coordinator can monitor the effectiveness of instruction and ensure that students are making progress every day.

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The Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) will be utilized through Virtual Arkansas. This LMS is supplemented with the Student Information System (SIS) Genius. Genius is a registration, progress monitoring, and reporting tool which provides a daily snapshot of each student's progress, attendance, and engagement level.

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.



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The Edgenuity Courseware curriculum is aligned to the Arkansas State Standards, Common Core, and the Next Generation Science Standards. Courses consist of direct-instruction videos, rigorous assignments, performance tasks, and assessments to engage all students. The Edgenuity-Genius LMS allows teachers to customize all courses to match district and/or state frameworks, scope and sequence, and pacing guides. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program teachers can monitor student progress using the Gradebook and Reporting features built into the LMS. Each teacher will have an Educator Dashboard that allows for full program management by student, subject, teacher, grade level, assignment, district, etc. School district administrators, District Point of Contact (designee), and the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program Digital Learning Coordinator have full access to the reporting feature of the LMS as well.

Lexia Core 5 will also be utilized by Dawson ESC Virtual Program teachers for students in grades K-5 to supplement reading instruction.

Parent and teacher videos are provided to support students. Teachers have professional development to learn about new platforms and content tools. Dawson ESC content specialists are available to provide one-on-one teacher support.

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Virtual Arkansas courses are designed and written by subject matter experts (SME's) 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.

The digital content will be available to students within a platform that provides creation, publication, and student progress tracking capabilities. Students will have access to age-appropriate, engaging lessons, and tools that support learning, including text to speech, audio and translation, text and picture dictionaries, and more. Digital content combines direct-instruction videos featuring expert, virtual teachers with rigorous assignments, performance tasks, and assessments to engage students and ensure subject-area mastery. The digital content features self-paced learning, which allows students to spend more time on what they need and less on the content they've already mastered. If a student needs additional support to master a learning goal, the digital instruction is designed to provide point-in-time resources and support.

The digital content gives Virtual Teachers the resources they need to close learning gaps, plan lessons, execute goals, measure success, and intervene to help students grow. Virtual teachers receive initial and ongoing training on the digital content which includes, navigating the digital content, customizing courses and assessments, troubleshooting, adding activities, planning



courses and assessments, troubleshooting, adding activities, planning instruction, and designing interventions. Virtual facilitators receive initial and ongoing training to support the students assigned to them. Virtual teachers and virtual facilitators will have ongoing support from the Virtual Arkansas Facilitator Coordinator, Virtual Arkansas Specialists and Administration, Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative, Southeast Education Service Cooperative, and Dawson Education Service Cooperative Content Specialists, and Virtual Campus Coordinator.

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.



K-6

The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program teachers and students will be utilizing Zoom video software for all synchronous learning opportunities. The Zoom software/app is downloaded to the district provided device and checked out to each 100% virtual student. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program teacher will provide synchronous instruction sessions with students via Zoom during scheduled times throughout each week. The Zoom link and Zoom schedule for each course will be posted in a common location within each course for easy use by both students and parents/guardians.

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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. ZOOM provides a suite of teaching and learning features which include recording, polling, break-out rooms, whiteboard with collaborative and annotation tools, chat, translations, screen sharing, hand raising, reaction emoticons, and remote control option. The remote control option is where the Virtual Teacher is given permission to take control of the user's computer screen to provide navigation and technical support. The Zoom link and Zoom schedule is placed in a common location within each course and communicated with students and virtual facilitators.

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.

Lake Hamilton virtual students will be assigned a device for virtual learning purposes. Students who do not have reliable internet service may apply for a district-issued hotspot. Wi-Fi will be available on each campus in posted areas.

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.



K-6

Dawson ESC Virtual Staff will receive training and resources in the area of social-emotional learning. They will also receive training on how to identify wellness and support needs for students and families. Virtual Teachers will monitor these needs on a daily basis through asynchronous and synchronous engagement. All students will be required to attend at least one Zoom session per week and will be monitored weekly for wellness and safety through the Zoom session. In-person activities will be planned throughout the year, which will provide an additional layer of checking for the overall wellness and safety of students and families. Virtual teachers will provide a list of community support options through district, community, and statewide resources. The district will work in partnership with virtual staff to identify and serve students that exhibit needs for wellness and support. All components of the district health and wellness plan will be available to on-site students and remote students.

District counselors and social workers will be incorporated during collaborative meetings with Virtual Staff to discuss strategies to identify and respond to student behavior.

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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. All Lake Hamilton students will be required to attend at least one Zoom session per week and will be monitored weekly for wellness and safety through the Zoom session. 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.

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All Lake Hamilton School District virtual (remote) students will have access to the same supports and services provided to onsite students. These services include parent center, mental health based counseling, free bulk meal pickup, and onsite medical clinic. In addition to free bulk meal pickup, students have the option of receiving a weekend backpack of food when they pick up bulk meals that are only designed for Monday through Friday. All students in 2021-2022 will receive free breakfast and lunch again.

Lake Hamilton Health and Wellness Policy - <https://tinyurl.com/d85wy4j6>



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.



K-6

Lake Hamilton School District has access to the Edgenuity-Genius LMS to monitor students in real time. Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program teachers will initiate intervention when a teacher determines a student isn't actively engaging or performing at or above grade level standards. In cases where needed, Virtual teachers will involve the partnering school through the Point of Contact (designee), first. Dawson ESC Virtual Program Digital Learning Coordinator will contact district administrators if the intervention is not successful. The district's designee will reach out to the student's parent to determine what additional supports may be needed up to and including the student returning to onsite instruction.

Definition of Active Engagement- A student logs in weekly to the learning platform, participates in scheduled zooms, and submits assignments according to specified due dates. The adjustment may be made to meet individual student's needs based on their IEP, 504, or LPAC plan.

Extenuating circumstances that require longer periods of time to complete assignments, the digital learning coordinator or building administrator will work with the student and family to create a student success plan.

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Virtual students have 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 performing at or above grade level standards. 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.

The district's designee will reach out to the student and/or student's parent to determine what additional supports may be needed up to and including the student returning to onsite instruction.

Administrators, counselors, and support staff will be available to provide students and parents with other needed support either in person or in a virtual environment.



plan for remote (virtual) students, including additional supports and personnel.

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Virtual Teachers will provide Response to Interventions (RTI) for each student. If a student fails to demonstrate success academically, RTI processes and procedures will occur, including Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III interventions. Tier I interventions will be provided during virtual classroom instruction and processes. Tier II interventions will be targeted to small groups or one-on-one. Virtual Campus Coordinator and District Connection Coach will partner to provide and monitor Tier II interventions and provide any special services needed.

Students who fail to demonstrate success (academic or engagement) after the above-mentioned processes have occurred will be referred to a School Intervention Team (SIT) who will plan for appropriate interventions. The SIT team may consist of: Virtual Teacher, parent, counselor, building administrator, content specialists, mental health support, and/or cooperative special services staff.

State assessment data such as MAP, ACT Aspire, and Reading Assessments, etc will be used to determine if a student needs an academic response to intervention. Virtual teachers will also pull small groups or work 1:1 via Zoom with students based on needs.

Virtual Teachers will have additional support and resources through the SIT team, the Virtual Campus Coordinator, Cooperative staff, and resources provided by the State. If the School Intervention Team determines a student needs additional services and supports, Virtual staff and District staff will work together to coordinate these services and supports.

Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program 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.

7-12

Virtual Arkansas teachers have been trained in the RTI process to identify and intervene with immediacy when a student is determined to not be successful. They are trained to deliver Tier I and II interventions and, if those are not successful, reach out to the partnering school regarding additional Tier II or Tier III 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.

Lake Hamilton School District will hire interventionists at each building level who will provide Tier 2 and Tier 3 support for all students, on-site and virtual. These students will receive intervention based on existing data from past assessments and/or from referrals from Dawson or Virtual Arkansas teachers who see the need for extra support.



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

K-6

Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program has 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.

7-12

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 meetings to do informal formative checks to ensure clarity for students on asynchronous learning tasks. These strategies of formative assessment, both formal and informal, are utilized in order to guide the RTI process and methods of intervention.



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

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Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program provides accessibility tools to support students with dyslexia. Dyslexia screening is provided virtually by the dyslexia interventionist at the student's home school or by district staff. Digital learning students identified with characteristics that could be associated with dyslexia will receive synchronously streamed dyslexia interventions from the district's dyslexia interventionist.

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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.

The Lake Hamilton School District will ensure all requirements of the dyslexia law are met for onsite and virtual learners. All K-2 virtual students will receive screening by Lake Hamilton teachers/interventionists. Digital learning students identified with characteristics that could be associated with dyslexia will receive dyslexia interventions from the district's dyslexia interventionist, either on-site or virtually. Lake Hamilton virtual students in grades 3-12 can be referred for screening by a Lake Hamilton School official or teacher, Dawson or Virtual Arkansas teacher, by a parent, or by the student. Any virtual student identified with indicators of dyslexia will be screened by a Lake Hamilton dyslexia interventionist.

Lake Hamilton School District Dyslexia Plan - <https://tinyurl.com/27s5h7tn>

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



K-6

All GT Standards will be followed when designing programming for identified gifted students. The policies of the partnering school district will be followed for virtual students. All 2nd and 3rd grade virtual students will complete the district's universal screener remotely on the same timeline as on-site students. Additional screening and evaluation will take place remotely when possible or will be scheduled individually through the district GT Coordinator. Lake Hamilton virtual students will have the option to participate in on-campus Gifted and Talented classes and/or enroll in accelerated G/T courses by participating via online video conferencing or by enrolling in courses within the digital platform.

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All current 7-12 grade Virtual Arkansas teachers will deliver the GT Program Option of Secondary Course Content (I.C, pg 21, GT Program Approval Standards). These teachers have completed Secondary Course Content training and will provide copies of training certificates and quarterly documentation of differentiation to participating districts, as required in the description of this program option in GT Program Approval Standards. Virtual Arkansas will ensure that any new hires will also complete this required training in order to provide this GT program option. Training and differentiation documentation will be obtained by contacting Kirsten Wilson, Virtual Arkansas Director of Curriculum and Instruction. An approved teacher of the gifted (licensed GT coordinator/GT teacher), employed by the participating school district maintains oversight of the students' activities at a minimum by collecting differentiation documentation on at least a quarterly basis and meeting with identified students monthly, as required by I.C.3 from GT Program Approval Standards.

All requirements from the Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards will be met for virtual students.

Lake Hamilton Gifted and Talented Program - <https://tinyurl.com/264snx9b>

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



The Lake Hamilton School District will ensure all requirements of the LPAC plan are met for virtual/remote learners.

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Licensed teachers and paraprofessionals work with students to increase their language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Professional development is provided for teachers to support the language development and academic needs of English language learners. In addition, support is provided for the parents to be fully engaged in their child's education by providing them with training, information, and translation services through Cafecitos and Family Literacy.

Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual teachers will provide all accommodations and modifications as stated on IEPs and 504s.

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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.

The district will ensure that all requirements of the District English Learner plan are met for on-site and remote learners, including ELPA21 screening and summative assessments provided by the district. Communication with families will be in a language and manner families will understand.

All ELL accommodations are determined by the districts' Language Proficiency and Assessment Committee (LPAC) and will be shared with the virtual platform providers who will ensure accommodations are provided so that English Learners have access to the core curriculum via providing integrated supports. The district will regularly communicate with the virtual platform provider regarding the ELL students' progress and make any necessary adjustments to needed accommodations and supports.

Additional support will be provided by the district ESOL coordinator as needed for virtual English learners.

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



Lake Hamilton students with disabilities are also eligible for virtual learning. Along with meeting the admission and eligibility requirements, students with disabilities' applications will be reviewed by the district special education supervisor or 504 coordinator to determine if the student's needs can be met through online instruction, with or without additional accommodations and modifications. If the services required by the student's IEP or 504 plan cannot be implemented successfully in an online environment, students may be required to participate in those services onsite.

Lake Hamilton will employ a special education teacher who is certified K-12 and whose role it is to provide assistance and serve as a liaison for students with IEPs who are enrolled in virtual learning. If needed, 1:1 sessions can be scheduled to make sure the students have the support that they need.

The Lake Hamilton special education teacher will provide direct instruction per the IEP schedule of services and subsequent remote learning plan.

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If a student has already been identified as needing an Individual Education Plan (IEP) support and services, the plan of services will be implemented to ensure services are received. Dawson Digital Learning Coordinator will work with the District Point of Contact to schedule screening and communication with parents.

Special Education programs delivered in a virtual learning environment will follow all IDEA/Arkansas Rules and Regulations for Special Education. Information discussed during meetings will be documented and placed in the student's file. All modifications/accommodations will be provided according to the student's IEP. During virtual learning, students who have been identified as needing special education services will be served through Zoom, or other communication platforms. Based on progress monitoring data, students needing Special Education services may be required to meet face-to-face with district special education certified staff.

A schedule of meetings will be held based on the needs of the student/family, that will include district education teachers and virtual teachers. This meeting schedule will be set during the student's virtual orientation and/or Individualized Education Program meetings. District special education teachers will participate in the identified students' virtual orientation, along with the virtual teachers. Communication will occur via ZOOM sessions, email, phone or face-to-face. The frequency of communication will depend on the individual needs of each student. Progress will be monitored at least yearly according to IDEA guidelines.

Evaluations and conferences may be held face-to-face or virtually using synchronous meeting software (ZOOM), based on the parents' request. If the parent elects to have a face-to-face meeting, all current district protocols will be in place. The Virtual Teacher will attend via ZOOM or face-to-face. If the parent opts for a virtual meeting, all district protocols will be in place. All attendees will attend the conference virtually using synchronous software (ZOOM). Documents



attend the conference virtually using synchronous software (Zoom). Documents will be shared electronically with parents and an electronic document signature software will be utilized. If the assessment's validity requires in-person evaluation, it will be held onsite.

Virtual Teachers use curriculum and instructional strategies that include the following evidence-based practices designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities:

1. Provide explicit instruction,
2. Model learning strategies,
3. Make instruction accessible,
4. Provide tools to support learning, provide appropriate feedback, and capitalize on technology.

The digital curriculum and learning management system provide accommodations for Special Education students and families. These accommodations include addressing multiple learning styles, accommodations for assessments, video captions/transcripts, color and contrast considerations, read-aloud and translation tools, multiple representations of key concepts (verbal, concrete manipulative, numerical, graphical, and symbolic.) For Special Education students with language challenges, Virtual Teachers can enable Edgenuity's robust language-support features. This toolset allows students to hear on-screen text read aloud. Students and families will be supported in using the tools during asynchronous learning and the Virtual Teacher will facilitate the usage of the tools during synchronous learning.

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Virtual Arkansas teachers will provide information for evaluations and conferences when requested. Lake Hamilton School District building designees 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.

Special Education programs delivered in a virtual learning environment will follow all IDEA/Arkansas Rules and Regulations for Special Education. Information discussed during meetings will be documented and placed in the student's file. All modifications/accommodations will be provided according to the student's IEP. During virtual learning, students who have been identified as needing special education services will be served through Zoom, or other communication platforms. Based on progress monitoring data, students needing Special Education services may be required to meet face-to-face with district special education certified staff.

Virtual Teachers use curriculum and instructional strategies that include the following evidence-based practices, including Universal Design for Learning, which is designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities:

1. Provide explicit instruction,
2. Model learning strategies,
3. Make instruction accessible,
4. Provide tools to support learning, provide appropriate feedback, and capitalize on technology.

The digital curriculum and learning management system provide accommodations for Special Education students and families. These accommodations include addressing multiple learning preferences



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These accommodations include addressing multiple learning preferences, accommodations for assessments, video captions/transcripts, color and contrast considerations, read-aloud and translation tools, multiple means of representation of key concepts (verbal, concrete manipulative, numerical, graphical, and symbolic.) For Special Education students with language challenges, Virtual Teachers can enable Canvas' embedded ReadSpeaker tool, a robust language-support feature. This tool allows students to hear on-screen text read aloud. Students and families will be supported in using the tools during asynchronous learning through the initial course orientation and the Virtual Teacher will facilitate the usage of the tools, as needed, during synchronous learning.

Lake Hamilton School District Special Services - <https://tinyurl.com/46be64uh>

Lake Hamilton School District will provide therapy services onsite in an agreed upon location unless the student has significant medical fragility requiring virtual therapy. If necessary, the district may contract with a private therapy provider for in-home or clinic-based therapy services.



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.

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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.

Edgenuity has a digital platform supported with instructional videos.

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All Virtual Teachers receive training on and have access to digital software/resources to ensure courses are adaptable to include interactive video tutorials, narrated text, concept maps, digital slide presentations, and usage of images. Interventions may be provided using online tools and assistive technology. Online tools and assistive technology will be available to Virtual general education teachers. Tools will include an interactive whiteboard, annotation tools, mirror image setting, text-to-speech translators, and speech-to-text transcribers.

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.



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Lake Hamilton School District will utilize the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program as the digital content and instructional solution. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will incorporate training for the usage of the Edgenuity-Genius LMS and virtual instructional strategies. All Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual personnel will provide both directed/scheduled and embedded professional development activities, book studies, and weekly collaborative teams. Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will provide a team of instructional and digital content experts for in-time support for all teachers. Finally, Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will have a team of technology support specialists to assist with any technological issues.

7-12

Grades 7-12 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.

As part of the Professional Learning Community process, Virtual Teachers will use student data to drive a continuous plan-do-check cycle of improvement. If there is a support need beyond what the Virtual teacher can provide, the Virtual Campus Coordinator will facilitate the support. On-going and job-embedded support will occur throughout the school year based on student achievement data and classroom observations.



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?

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Lake Hamilton School District will utilize the Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will, at minimum, follow the guidelines and policies set by the state of Arkansas in regards to teacher planning time (40 minutes per day). Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will provide instructional and digital content support for point-in-time support for all teachers. The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will utilize curriculum developed by faculty members and subject matter experts within the Edgenuity-Genius LMS which are aligned to Arkansas state standards. Dawson ESC will provide professional development to aid personnel as they provide instruction to the students.

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Grades 7-12 will be utilizing Virtual Arkansas for our digital content and digital instruction solution. The Virtual Arkansas teachers will be scheduled with a minimum of two hundred (200) minutes each week for each teacher to schedule time for conferences, instructional planning, and preparation. 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. Prior to the start of school, Virtual Arkansas will support Virtual Teachers with digital content and planning through training on the primary digital content. This training includes guides for recommended pacing, adding supplemental content, and navigating the platform. This digital content and planning component will be supported by Virtual Arkansas.

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.

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The local school/district will provide all appropriate testing and support services for qualifying students. The Dawson ESC Virtual Program teachers will provide the appropriate testing data, classroom instructional services (as outlined by the appropriate documentation, ie, the IEP), and accommodations as necessary.

7-12

The local school/district will provide all appropriate testing and support services for qualifying students. Virtual Arkansas teachers will provide the appropriate testing data, classroom instructional services (as outlined by the appropriate documentation, ie, the IEP), and accommodations as necessary

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.



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All Dawson ESC Virtual Program students will be required to do statewide summative and school/district required testing (NWEA MAP, Istation, etc..) at the building/district site. These tests will be conducted and monitored by the school/district personnel. All testing data will be shared by the school/district for analysis by Dawson ESC Virtual Program personnel.

7-12

Virtual Arkansas requires trained proctors for major assessments. Lake Hamilton will employ a facilitator that will be trained by Virtual Arkansas to administer required student assessments onsite.

Lake Hamilton students in grades 7-12 participating in virtual learning will be required to do statewide summative and school/district required testing at the building/district site. These tests will be conducted and monitored by the school/district personnel. Virtual Arkansas also requires students to take proctored assessments onsite. Students will take these assessments with the assigned facilitator in a designated place on campus.

Districts partnering with Virtual Arkansas will sign a memorandum of understanding to acknowledge this requirement. Communication with parents will include teacher emails, information posted within the announcement section of the learning management system, information via the learning management system with push notifications, and using the learning management system parent application.

Lake Hamilton School District has a communication plan that will enable the use of all social media outlets, the district website, phone contact, and mail, if needed. We will also utilize buses and home visits, if necessary, for parents that do not cooperate and bring students on-site to test. Those not cooperating will also be sent a certified letter.

District Support Plan (Communication Plan) - <https://tinyurl.com/3yykj8ur>

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.

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The K-6 virtual option will be closely monitored for effectiveness by the District Superintendent, District Central Office Staff, and District Principal in partnership with the Dawson Digital Learning Coordinator, Cooperative Teacher Center Coordinator, and the Cooperative Director of the Dawson Education Service Cooperative. Components that affect student achievement are addressed below.

Teacher Effectiveness: Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual program will follow Arkansas Teacher Effectiveness Support System for teacher evaluations with scheduled and non scheduled virtual classroom visits.

Curriculum Effectiveness: The content in the learning management system will be reviewed annually by district staff and virtual staff to ensure Arkansas standards are being met.

Student Achievement: Student learning will be monitored through formative and summative assessments. This monitoring will be in the form of a Professional Learning Community composed of Virtual Staff and District Staff.

Data Sources: Monitoring, assessing, reflection on data (inferences and next steps). Parent and staff (virtual and district) surveys will be conducted once each semester to monitor the effectiveness of the services.

Timeline: Dawson ESC will schedule daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly periodic stakeholder meetings to discuss the effectiveness of the digital learning program.

7-12

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.

The 7-12 virtual option will be closely monitored for effectiveness by the District Superintendent, District Central Office Staff, and District Principal in partnership with Virtual Arkansas, and the Executive Director of Virtual Arkansas, along with the Virtual Arkansas Academic Leadership team. Components that affect student achievement are addressed below.

Teacher Effectiveness: Virtual Arkansas will follow Arkansas Teacher Effectiveness Support System along with the National Standards for Online Teaching for teacher evaluations with scheduled and non scheduled virtual classroom visits.

Curriculum Effectiveness: The content in the learning management system will be reviewed formally on an annual basis through the Quality Matters K-12 Standards for Quality by Quality Matters trained virtual staff to ensure Arkansas



Standards for Quality by Quality Matters trained Virtual Staff to ensure Arkansas standards and International standards for quality are being met. Additionally, Virtual Arkansas is in the process of having a variety of courses reviewed by Quality Matters to earn the Quality Matters Certification.

Student Achievement: Student learning will be monitored through formative and summative assessments. This monitoring will be in the form of a Professional Learning Community composed of Virtual Arkansas Teachers and Administration.

Data Sources: Monitoring, assessing, reflection on data (inferences and next steps). Parent, student, and staff (virtual) surveys will be conducted at least once per year to monitor the effectiveness of the services.

The Lake Hamilton School District will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of all virtual options by collecting data from various sources that would measure growth, engagement, and academic progress. The district will make all efforts to provide virtual students with the same supports, interventions, and resources as onsite students. Students who do not engage, make academic progress, and follow the guidelines set forth by the providers, the district, and the state will be required to return to onsite learning.

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)



K-6

The Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual Program will engage families into the digital learning process by granting access to the parent portal of the LMS to monitor their student’s progress. The Dawson ESC Virtual Program will conduct a parent orientation which will address key strategies for engagements and success in the virtual format. Families will be asked to complete surveys and participate in feedback forums for the program. The Dawson ESC Virtual Program faculty will also conduct parent/teacher conferences as required by state standards.

7-12

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 (https://www.virtualarkansas.org/293342_2).

Lake Hamilton School District will provide ongoing support for K-12 parents and students through digital tools and resources. The district will provide Chromebooks, hotspots (if needed), a district point of contact, and building level technology support by library media specialists/technology coordinators.

Lake Hamilton School District Parent, Family and Community Engagement Plan (<http://lakehamiltonschoolsdistrictar.apptegy.us/o/lhsd/browse/131636>).

Provide the URL to evidence of the local school board's approval of the waiver request(s).	Lake Hamilton School Board approval of the Digital Learning Plan (https://core-c
Provide a URL to evidence of stakeholder feedback regarding the waiver request(s) and the district communication plan regarding digital learning program(s).	Lake Hamilton School District Stakeholder Feedback (https://form.jotform.com/



Policies

Please provide a link (URL) to the attendance policy for digital learning students.	K-6 Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual students are expected to access, attend, and interact
Please provide a link (URL) to the discipline policy for digital learning students.	K-6 Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual students are expected to follow the local district disc
Please provide a link (URL) to the grading policy for digital learning students.	K-6 Dawson ESC K-6 Virtual students will be provided grades based on the indivic

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