

Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOP)

Summary

The Regional Virtual School Program is available to West 40 school districts to serve students in grades 4 - 12 considered at-risk for returning to school in an in-person setting. The purpose of the program is to address identified students' needs through a collaborative, innovative delivery model and is designed for students to attend school virtually for a minimum of one semester, or as long as deemed necessary beyond that as determined by the school district. Students will learn remotely with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous course delivery.

Additionally, the model will include the use of student advocates to provide "wrap around" services to support the student and family. The intent of this program is for at risk students. School districts will set the criteria for determining eligibility for this program and should be recommended after a thorough process involving staff support teams and families. Potential criteria for consideration include medically fragile students or students who have been identified at risk, yet have thrived in remote learning.

The Regional Virtual School Program is not meant for students during short-term quarantine or as a parent-choice option.

Updated CDC Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>