

This is a new rule.

6A-6.0980 K-8 Virtual School Program.

(1) Application.

(a) Each school wishing to participate in the K-8 Virtual School Program must submit to the Florida Department of Education, Form VSP - 01, K-8 Virtual School Program Application, which is incorporated by reference in this rule to become effective February 2007. This form is available by contacting the Florida Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Turlington Building, Room 522, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(b) Form VSP - 01 must be submitted between March 1 and March 31 of each year for an applicant to be considered for participation during the following school year.

(2) Enrollment/Attendance Verification.

(a) Each virtual school participating in the program must verify the enrollment of students thirty (30) days prior to each payment date as specified in Section 1002.415(6)(b), Florida Statutes.

(b) Each virtual school participating in the program must maintain the attendance records and reports required by Section 1003.23, Florida Statutes. The virtual school must keep daily attendance for each enrolled student and must verify the continued attendance of each student.

(c) Upon verification of student enrollment and continued attendance, the Department shall make payments to participating schools according to the schedule contained in Section 1002.415, Florida Statutes.

(3) Accountability. Any K-8 virtual school that has a performance grade category of "D" or "F" as determined by Section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, must file a School Improvement Plan (SIP) with the Department within two (2) months of the grade's release. The SIP must identify the causes of the virtual school's low performance and propose a plan for correction and improvement. Specific Authority 1002.415(9), F.S. Law Implemented 1002.415, F.S. History - New -