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VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS
STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

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9.100 ELIGIBILITY

See Sections 4.100, 5.100, 6.100 of the Student Progression Plan for general admissions policies.

9.101 Part-time

9.1011 Elementary School Acceleration

Students in grades 4 and 5 who scored a level 4 or 5 on the previous school year's FCAT Reading or Mathematics administration and score an 80% or higher on the district's placement exam will have the opportunity to take online accelerated courses in Reading and Mathematics through Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School, during the school year. Elementary school students may not take online courses during the summer.

9.1012 Middle School

As a part of the school day, students in grades 6-8 may take one or more courses through Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School, or other virtual providers as outlined in Section 9.300 of the Student Progression Plan, provided that the student has guidance approval for the course, the course the student takes is not offered at the school, the student has completed the prerequisite courses, the school has student stations available, and the student's enrollment in the course does not exceed class size regulations. Above and beyond the six courses taken during the school day and/or during the summer, students may take an online course or courses directly through Florida Virtual School, provided that the student has guidance approval.

9.1013 High School

As a part of the school day, students in grades 9-12 may take one or more courses through Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School, or other virtual providers as outlined in Section 9.300, provided that the student has guidance approval for the course, the course the student takes is not offered at the school, the student has completed the prerequisite courses, the school has student stations available, and the student's enrollment in the course does not exceed class size regulations. Above and beyond the six courses taken during the school day and/or during the summer, students may take an online course or courses directly through Florida Virtual School, provided that the student has guidance approval.

The following schedule is recommended for a high school student wishing to attend public school part time while simultaneously taking online courses. The recommendation provides the minimum expectation for attendance at the public high school.

9th Grade: A minimum of **5** classes at the "Brick and Mortar" school, one online class with Santa Rosa Online. *Student must be "No classed" for one period not taken at the zoned school.*

10th Grade: A minimum of **4** classes at the "Brick and Mortar" school, two online classes with Santa Rosa Online. *Student must be "No classed" two periods not taken at the zoned school.*

11th Grade: A minimum of **3** classes at the "Brick and Mortar" school, three online classes with Santa Rosa Online. *Student must be "No classed" for three periods not taken at the zoned school.*

12th Grade: A minimum of **1** class at the "Brick and Mortar" school, five online with Santa Rosa Online. *Student must be "No classed" for five periods not taken at the zoned school.*

9.102 Full-time

Students in grades K-12 may choose to become a full-time public education virtual student through our district's Virtual Instruction Program (Grades K-12) or through our partnership with Florida Virtual School (Grades 6-12). Open enrollment will take place from April 15 – July 31 each year prior to the beginning of the school year in August. Late registration will continue through the first two weeks of the school year if space is available.

9.1021 Santa Rosa Online, a Franchise of Florida Virtual School

Students in grades 6-12 who satisfy the admissions policies as outlined in Sections 5.100 and/or 6.100 of the Student Progression Plan may enroll in Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School. These students are considered public education students and will be subject to the same promotion and/or graduation requirements as that of a student in a brick and mortar school. Unless courses are not available through Santa Rosa Online, full-time students in this program must take their courses through Santa Rosa Online rather than directly through Florida Virtual School.

9.1022 K12, Inc. (District Virtual Instruction Program)

Pursuant to F. S. 1002.455, students in grades K-12 may enroll in the district's full-time district virtual instruction program (VIP), provided that they meet at least one of the following conditions:

- A. The student spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in the state and was enrolled and reported by the school district for funding during October and February for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program surveys.
- B. The student is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last 12 months to this state from another state or from a foreign country pursuant to a permanent change of station order.
- C. The student was enrolled during the prior school year in a virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45, the K-8 Virtual School Program under s. 1002.415, or a full-time Florida Virtual School program under s. 1002.37(8)a.
- D. The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in a virtual instruction program and the sibling was enrolled in that program at the end of the prior school year.
- E. The student is eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade.
- F. The student is eligible to enter grades 2 through 5 and is enrolled full-time in a school district virtual instruction program, virtual charter school, or the Florida Virtual School.

These students are considered public education students and will be subject to the same promotion and/or graduation requirements as that of a student in a brick and mortar school.

9.200 PROGRAMS OF STUDY

See Section 4.200 (Elementary School), 5.200 (Middle School), and/or 6.200 (High School) of the Student Progression Plan for general information regarding programs of study for the appropriate school grade level.

9.300 VIRTUAL PROVIDERS

9.301 Santa Rosa Online

Through its partnership with Florida Virtual School, Santa Rosa Online offers online courses to part-time and full-time students in grades 6-12 and part-time qualifying students in grades 4-5. Santa Rosa Online operates during the calendar school year only.

9.302 Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School offers online courses to part-time and full-time students in grades 6-12 and operates year round.

9.303 K12, Inc.

K12, Inc. offers online/hand-on courses to full-time public education students in grades K-12 and operates during the calendar school year only.

9.304 Compass Learning

Compass Learning offers online credit recovery opportunities to public education students in grades 6-12 who have failed a particular course or courses. Compass Learning operates during the calendar school year as well as summer session.

9.305 Locklin Tech Online

Locklin Tech Online offers online courses to students in grades 9-12 and/or 8th grade students with a high school GPA. Locklin Tech online operates during the calendar school year as well as summer session.

9.400 STATE ASSESSMENTS

Pursuant to s. 1008.22, public education students receiving full-time instruction in the district's Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) through K12, Inc. or through Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School, are required to take the appropriate state assessments according to their enrolled grade. These assessments include FLKRS (Grade KG), FCAT and FCAT 2.0 (Grades 3-10), FCAT Re-takes (Grades 11-12) and End-of-Course exams (Grades 7-12). Students will take assessments at a school site determined by the school district.

9.500 GRADUATION

See Sections 6.400 of the Student Progress Plan for general information regarding graduation from high school.

9.501 Online Requirement

All high school students, beginning with freshmen entering in school year 2011-2012, must take and pass at least one online class as a part of the 24 required credits for high school graduation. This class may be taken during the summer and during any of the 9th through 12th grade years, either during school hours in a computer lab in the school or after school hours at home, and may be a ½ credit course or a full credit course. Guidance approval is required for all online classes, regardless of when and where the class is taken. High-school level online classes taken during middle school years will satisfy the online graduation requirement for high school students as well.

9.502 Semester/Segment Credit

Semester credit (referred to as segment credit in the online world) will be awarded on a one-half credit earned basis for students who earn a 60 or higher in the online segment of a course and pass the segment exam with a 60 or higher. Failure to pass the segment exam in an online course will result in no credit being awarded for that course.

9.503 Diploma

Full-time public education students enrolled in Santa Rosa Online will be awarded diplomas through the Santa Rosa County School District as long as students meet all graduation requirements as stipulated in section 6.400 of the Student Progression Plan. Diplomas will not be awarded to Home Education students (see 9.600 of the Student Progression Plan).

9.600 HOME EDUCATION

9.601 Eligibility

Home Education students in grades 6-12 may take one or more online courses through Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School, during the calendar school year or directly through Florida Virtual School, which operates year round. Home Education students are not eligible for the K12, Inc. program.

9.602 Admission

A student not enrolled as a public education student in a district brick and mortar school, Santa Rosa Online, or a private school in Santa Rosa County must register as a Home Education student by filing an intent to home school with the Office of Alternative Education programs. Home Education students may take courses through Florida Virtual School or Santa Rosa Online, the district franchise of Florida Virtual School. If a Home Education student is considering enrolling or re-enrolling in a public school, he or she must complete the current semester/segment in his or her online courses in order to receive credit for them.

9.603 Programs of Study

Since Home Education students are considered non-diploma seeking students in the school district, decisions regarding programs of study fall under the purview of the custodial parent or guardian and in compliance with the regulations associated with Home Education.

9.604 State Assessments

Home Education students are not required to take state assessments but do have the option of doing so. Any Home Education student who is interested in taking the assessment appropriate to his or her grade level should contact the Office of Alternative Academics.

9.605 Graduation

Home Education students, whether or not they take online classes, do not graduate or receive diplomas from the Santa Rosa County School District.

9.700 EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)/SECTION 504 PLANS**9.701 Eligibility**

Students with IEPs/504 Plans who meet the requirements outlined in Section 9.100 of the Student Progression Plan are eligible to take online classes.

9.702 Admission

An IEP/504 Plan team, including parents, will convene to determine ESE/504 services appropriate to meet the individual student's needs and should give careful consideration to the appropriateness of an online program to meet those needs. Input from the members of the IEP/504 team and from individual(s) representing the virtual provider is crucial in determining if online learning is the best choice for a particular student's educational success.

9.703 Accommodations

Many accommodations designated on an IEP/504 Plan occur naturally in an online program (i.e., one-to-one instruction, extra time to complete assignments/tests, flexible schedule, breaking long assignments into shorter sections). However, certain accommodations/modifications may not be allowed (i.e., modification to curriculum, reduced expectations for mastery, adjusted reading level) because of the nature of the online curriculum.

9.704 Assessment

Unless otherwise stipulated in the IEP or 504 Plan, students receiving ESE and/or 504 services are required to take the appropriate state assessments according to their enrolled grade level.