

Ohio Adm. Code 3301-35-\_\_\_Blended Learning.

(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Harmful to juveniles" has the same meaning as in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Obscene" has the same meaning as in division (F) of section 2907.01 of the Revised Code as that division has been construed by the supreme court of this state.
- (3) "Teacher of record" means a teacher who is responsible for the overall academic development and achievement of a student and not merely the student's instruction in any single subject.
- (4) "Blended learning" means the delivery of instruction in a combination of time in a supervised physical location away from home and online delivery whereby the student has some element of control over time, place, path, or pace of learning.
- (5) "Digital learning" means learning facilitated by technology that gives students some element of control over time, place, path, or pace of learning.
- (6) "Digital learning tools" means computers, tablets, software, applications, or other technology necessary to access a school's program of digital learning.

(B) Each board of education or chartered nonpublic school that operates a school or a classroom as a blended learning environment shall adopt policies and procedures that address the following:

- (1) Means of personalization of student centered learning models to meet the needs of each student.
- (2) The evaluation and review of the quality of on-line curriculum delivered to students.
- (3) Assessment of each participating student's progress through the curriculum. Students shall be permitted to advance through each level of the curriculum based on demonstrated competency/mastery of the material.
- (4) The assignment of a sufficient number of teachers to ensure a student has an appropriate level of interaction to meet the student's personal learning goals. Each participating student shall be assigned to at least one teacher of record. No school or classroom that implements blended learning is required to have more than one teacher for every one hundred twenty-five students who participate in blended learning.
- (5) The method by which each participating student will have access to the digital learning tools necessary to access the on-line or digital content.
- (6) The means by which each school shall use a filtering device or install filtering software that protects against internet access to materials that are obscene or harmful to juveniles on each computer provided to or made available to students for instructional use. The school shall provide such device or software at no cost to any student who uses a device obtained from a source other than the school.
- (7) The means by which the school will ensure that teachers have appropriate training in the pedagogy of the effective delivery of on-line or digital instruction.

(C) A school is exempt from school year hourly requirements established in R.C. 3313.48(A) to the extent that a school alters the hours that it is open for instruction in order to accommodate blended learning opportunities that apply to all students.

(D) Students engaged in blended learning shall have the ability to earn credits by demonstrating mastery of knowledge or skills through competency-based learning models. Students shall advance from grade to grade based upon credits earned. Credit shall not be based on a minimum number of days or hours in a classroom or on a digital learning device.

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