

## Instruction through Online Programs

The Board of Education hereby authorizes LaunchED Virtual Academy (“LaunchED”) as a K-12 fully online school and St. Vrain Virtual High School (“SVVHS”) as a blended learning high school. Both schools provide high-quality, personalized education outside of the brick-and-mortar classroom.

LaunchED is a 100% remote option for students, while SVVHS is a hybrid in-person/remote option. Both are free, public K-12 online options within the St. Vrain Valley School District that provide students with the opportunity to work in an online environment leading to a St. Vrain Valley high school diploma.

Courses offered through LaunchED and SVVHS will be taught by highly qualified and certificated instructors, and the curriculum will meet all Colorado Academic Standards. Additionally, when applicable, the curriculum will meet the Advanced Placement College Board and NCAA requirements.

Both LaunchED and SVVHS will involve remote, online courses. Instruction in these courses will be delivered to students by licensed teachers primarily through the use of technology. Students may interact regularly with their instructors via video conferencing (i.e., WebEx, Zoom, Google Meet, etc.), telephone, instant messenger, email, blogging, and other online communications tools.

To apply for admission to LaunchED or SVVHS, students must:

- Be a Colorado resident;
- Be younger than 21 years of age;
- Reside in the St. Vrain Valley School District; and
- Submit an enrollment application\*.

\*NOTE: An online assessment and/or in-person interview may also be required for admission to either school.

Students must choose to enroll in LaunchED or SVVHS as full-time students.

Resident students of other school districts in Colorado are eligible to enroll in LaunchED or SVVHS in accordance with Policies JFBA/JFBB and JFBA/JFBB-R.

After being officially enrolled in LaunchED or SVVHS, depending on the school in which a student enrolls, he/she will be required to:

1. Attend daily in-person or online depending on the written attendance and participation requirements of each school;
2. Maintain regular contact via video conferencing (i.e., WebEX, Zoom, Google Meet, etc.), telephone, email, instant message system or face-to-face meetings with their online instructor(s) and the LaunchED or SVVHS staff;
3. Participate in all mandated Colorado and district assessments; and
4. Complete all activities necessary for Colorado student count purposes.

Students enrolled in St. Vrain Valley Schools are required to attend classes in accordance with the Colorado Compulsory Attendance Law and Article IX, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution. Per St. Vrain Valley School Board Policy (File JH: Student Absences and

Excuses), children under the age of 17 are required to attend school regularly until graduation from high school or the end of the semester in which a student turns 17 years of age.

LaunchedED and SVVHS provide students with unique and flexible ways to complete course work required for graduation; however, students are required to meet district expectations for attendance. Documentation of attendance will be provided through a variety of sources which may include, without limitation, the district Student Information Management System, learning management system(s), and/or demonstration of adequate progress each week in the online environment.

As applicable, teacher-pupil instruction and contact time for LaunchedED and SVVHS may be tracked and counted for attendance purposes in the following ways:

1. Presence during in-person instruction;
2. Assignments completed at home;
3. Logging into the online learning platform
4. Video conferencing via WebEx, Zoom, Google Meet, etc.;
5. Signing an online form attesting to work completed at home;
6. Student demonstration of learning; and/or
7. Responding to teacher emails or communication.

Attendance will be recorded at least once daily for days when synchronous instructional hours are provided.

### **Enrolling in St. Vrain Virtual High School**

Students must choose to enroll in SVVHS as full-time students, which requires students to complete a minimum of six (6) online classes [three (3) credits] each semester, taking no more than three (3) online classes every nine (9) weeks showing adequate progress of a minimum of 40% per week in the online environment. Each half-credit course is equivalent to 60 hours per semester based on the Carnegie unit. Students enrolled full-time can be dually enrolled in their high school of residence and/or at the Career Elevation and Technology Center and Innovation Center.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-11-307(2.5) (requires review of any full-time online program's alignment to the State Board of Education's qualifying standards for online programs)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(I) (board's duty to determine the educational program)  
C.R.S. 22-32-122 (authorizes the board to contract for educational services)  
1-CCR., 301-701

CDE Rule 3.02

CDE Rule 8.01.01 Rules for the Administration, Certification and Oversight of Colorado Online Programs

CROSS REFS.: IHCDA, Postsecondary Options/Concurrent Enrollment  
IKF, Graduation Requirements  
JFBA/JFBB, Open Enrollment  
JH, Student Absences and Excuses  
JKF, Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students  
JS, Student Responsible Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications

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