

ARTICLE 2. VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

Rule 1. Application

512 IAC 2-1-1 Application

Authority: IC 20-24-7-13

Affected: IC 20-24-7

Sec. 1. This article applies to all virtual charter schools beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. (*Department of Education; 512 IAC 2-1-1; filed Aug 3, 2010, 3:10 p.m.: 20100901-IR-512100107FRA*)

Rule 2. Definitions

512 IAC 2-2-1 Definitions

Authority: IC 20-24-7-13

Affected: IC 20-18-2-13; IC 20-19-2-2; IC 20-19-3-1; IC 20-24-1-4; IC 20-43-4-2

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this article:

(1) "ADM" means the average daily membership determined under IC 20-43-4-2.

(2) "Charter school" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-24-1-4.

(3) "Department" refers to the department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.

(4) "Parent" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-18-2-13.

(5) "State board" refers to the Indiana state board of education established by IC 20-19-2-2.

(6) "Virtual charter school" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-24-7-13.

(*Department of Education; 512 IAC 2-2-1; filed Aug 3, 2010, 3:10 p.m.: 20100901-IR-512100107FRA*)

Rule 3. Establishment and Operation

512 IAC 2-3-1 Establishment

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Affected: IC 20-24-7

Sec. 1. (a) A virtual charter school must be established under and in accordance with IC 20-24.

(b) A virtual charter school is subject to all of the requirements of IC 20-24. (*Department of Education; 512 IAC 2-3-1; filed Aug 3, 2010, 3:10 p.m.: 20100901-IR-512100107FRA*)

512 IAC 2-3-2 Student assessments

Authority: IC 20-24-7-13

Affected: IC 20-24-7; IC 20-32-4; IC 20-32-5-4

Sec. 2. (a) A virtual charter school shall administer the Indiana statewide testing for educational progress program established by IC 20-32-5 and 511 IAC 5-2.

(b) If a virtual charter school is a high school, the school shall administer the graduation examination established by IC 20-32-4 and the biology I end of course assessment established by IC 20-32-5-4.

(c) A virtual charter school will provide reasonable access for students to take assessments in accordance with the rules and guidelines established for the administration of such tests. (*Department of Education; 512 IAC 2-3-2; filed Aug 3, 2010, 3:10 p.m.: 20100901-IR-512100107FRA*)

512 IAC 2-3-3 Policies; notice

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Affected: IC 20-24-7

Sec. 3. (a) A virtual charter school shall adopt policies on the following:

- (1) Access and availability of teachers to students and parents.
- (2) Provisions for training parents or other adults that supervise students.
- (3) Costs, availability, delivery, maintenance, and return of hardware and software.
- (4) Technology plan, including the acceptable use policy.
- (5) Access to state and local student assessments.
- (b) A virtual charter school shall:
 - (1) notify parents of the policies established under subsection (a); and
 - (2) make these policies available for the parents of prospective students.

(Department of Education; 512 IAC 2-3-3; filed Aug 3, 2010, 3:10 p.m.: 20100901-IR-512100107FRA)

512 IAC 2-3-4 Enrollment and attendance

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Affected: IC 20-24-7

Sec. 4. (a) If IC 20-24 requires that a minimum percentage of the students enrolled in the virtual charter school must have been included in the ADM count for the previous school year, all of the following apply:

- (1) A virtual charter school shall follow the department's procedures to verify whether a student to be enrolled in the virtual charter school was included in the ADM count of the previous school year.
- (2) If a virtual charter school enrolls a student who was included in the ADM count for the previous school year and that student subsequently withdraws, the virtual charter school is not required to terminate enrollment of a student who was not included in the ADM count of the previous school year in order to comply with the minimum percentage. However, the virtual charter school shall not enroll additional students not included in the ADM count of the previous year until the school complies with the minimum percentage by enrolling additional students who were included in the ADM count of the previous school year.

(b) A virtual charter school shall not include a student in the ADM count for the current school year unless the school is providing educational services to the student on the ADM count date. Educational services include the following:

- (1) Instruction in an approved course or curriculum under the direction of a teacher.
- (2) Affirmative steps necessary to provide instruction, such as the following:
 - (A) Delivery of computer hardware.
 - (B) Training in the use of the hardware and necessary software.

A virtual charter school is not providing educational services to a student if it has only accepted, processed, or approved a student's application but has not yet provided instruction or taken affirmative steps to provide instruction to the student.

(c) A virtual charter school shall document and report to the department the attendance of its students consistent with the department's reporting requirements or other reporting method approved by the department. *(Department of Education; 512 IAC 2-3-4; filed Aug 3, 2010, 3:10 p.m.: 20100901-IR-512100107FRA)*

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