

## **USD 348 Baldwin/Greenbush Virtual Program**

The Baldwin/Greenbush virtual program was developed to provide multiple learning opportunities to meet the needs of all local students. Virtual and home schooled students who are residents of USD 348 may enroll in this program utilizing e2020 curriculum and Kansas certified teachers.

Students in grades 6 through 12 enrolled in this program must be enrolled at least full-time (5 credit bearing classes). Any part-time enrollment must be approved by building administration. Students will enroll in the virtual program during the regular enrollment period for all USD 348 and must be enrolled before September 20th. Students in the virtual program will pay prorated fees depending on the number of classes enrolled in the brick and mortar building. Once a student chooses the virtual program they must commit to the program for at least one semester and may not return to the brick and mortar building until the beginning of the next semester. Students enrolled in virtual classes are required to take proctored finals for each course. This is arranged through the building principal for each grade level. Junior high students (6-8) should contact Tammy Thomasson at 785-594-2448 and high school students (9-12) should contact Rob McKim at 785-594-2725 to schedule these finals. Any student enrolled in a core curriculum class is required to take state assessments. This would be a math, language arts, science or social science class. These assessments will be scheduled with the same principals as mentioned above. Counseling services will be offered to all students in the virtual program. High School counselors Melody Hoffsommer and Natalie Schmidt-Konkel can be contacted at 785-594-2725 for any 9 through 12 students and Laura McCall can be contacted at 785-594-2448 for junior high (6-8) counseling. These counselors will work with students on any counseling issue as needed. Students with IEPs may be accepted in the virtual program under the following conditions. Placement in this program, if appropriate, must be IEP driven by the local school district. The IEP team will make the final decision on whether this program will be the best placement for the student. The IEP team will also determine what resources and staffing will be needed. A student transcript will be kept at the corresponding school. Seniors must have a plan for graduation developed under the direction of the high school counselors. Those students meeting the graduation requirements set forth in USD 348 policy will receive a diploma from Baldwin High School and will have the opportunity to go through graduation ceremonies. All students are required to fill out an Academic Activity Log once before September 20<sup>th</sup> and once after September 20<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided regarding this activity log. All students in the virtual program must be making progress and must be regularly logging in or they may be reported truant.

Students enrolled in the virtual program may be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities under the following policy requirements.

**KSHSAA Executive Board Policy Regarding Scholastic Eligibility of Virtual Students**

With respect to KSHSAA **Scholarship Requirements Rule 13 and Enrollment Rule 15**, students may count virtual courses for the purpose of establishing eligibility for all KSHSAA sponsored activities, provided local USD policy permits dual enrollment agreements with virtual schools.

The following stipulations will apply:

1. Virtual classes must be taken through a virtual school, fully accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education.
2. Students will be eligible at the public school in whose district and attendance area they reside.
3. Virtual students enrolling and establishing eligibility by September 20th must be included in the school's annual KSHSAA classification count.
4. The student must be currently enrolled and attending a minimum of one (1) class at the KSHSAA member public school where they desire eligibility. If the student desires participation in music, debate or speech activities, they must be enrolled and attending in that academic course at the school, if such course is offered and the school requires enrollment for participation.
5. Eligibility for virtual students will be established on a semester basis consistent with traditionally enrolled students. Virtual and traditionally enrolled students are required to pass five units of credit each semester to establish scholastic eligibility. The school is responsible to verify the academic progress of the student with the virtual school administrator prior to submitting the student's name on KSHSAA eligibility forms and rosters.
6. Virtual students must be enrolled in five units of credit (courses) each semester. At the conclusion of the academic semester, they must have completed coursework sufficient to equal a passing grade in each course, consistent with traditionally enrolled students.
7. All students, virtual or traditional, must pass five units of credit in the previous semester to retain eligibility.
8. Like traditionally enrolled students, virtual students must be currently enrolled in five or more courses not previously passed, to establish and retain eligibility each semester.
9. Local school districts retain the authority to approve dual enrollment agreements with virtual schools.