

**ONLINE COURSES AND VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

The Alexandria City School Board may enter into contracts, consistent with the criteria approved by the Virginia Board of Education, with approved private or nonprofit organizations to provide multi-division online courses and virtual school programs. Such contracts shall be exempt from the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

Information regarding online courses and programs that are available through the school division will be posted on the division’s website. The information will include the types of online courses and programs available to students through the division and the granting of high school credit.

Any student enrolled in any online course or virtual program offered by the school division shall be enrolled in a public school in Virginia as provided in [Va. Code § 22.1-3.1](#). The student’s parent or guardian shall give written permission prior to the enrollment of the student in any virtual program offered by the school division.

A student enrolled in the Alexandria City Public Schools will not be charged tuition during the regular school year for any online course or virtual program offered by the school division.

Teachers who deliver instruction to students through online courses or virtual school programs must be licensed by the Virginia Board of Education and are subject to the requirements of Policy GCDA Effect of Criminal Conviction or Founded Complaint of Child Abuse or Neglect.

The administrator of a virtual school program must hold an advanced degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with educational and work experience in administering educational programs.

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