

Special Education FAQs

Blended Learning or Virtual Schools



**Bentonville
Schools**

QUESTION	ANSWER
Zoned School/School Schedule	
Will my child with an IEP still be considered as a student in their homeschool if I choose Virtual learning?	Yes, they will still be identified in their home school but a teacher assigned to Virtual Learning may not be located in that school.
Will my student's sped IEP team be the same people as before if I choose Virtual learning? (Lead, Teacher, Therapists)	Yes, same team.
I am trying to schedule private therapies for the fall and would like to choose Virtual learning but need to know if I will be given a school schedule that requires my student to log onto the Google Classroom at a certain time for synchronous learning? Or, will it be asynchronous so that I can work around therapies?	To participate in a therapy, they will have an assigned synchronous time.
My student will be involved with the Project Search Program at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Is this still available since the hotel is at limited operating capacity or is the program available as a virtual option?	At this time, the Project Search Program is scheduled to continue at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Rogers.
IEP	
If I choose Virtual learning for my student, will the IEP be honored?	Ensuring compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), † Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act should not prevent any school from offering educational programs through distance instruction. Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities
Do I need to have an IEP meeting if I chose Virtual Learning?	If IEP services can be provided through distance learning or other alternate methods, an amendment is not required.

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My child has a 1:1 para documented in the IEP. Will this para be available if I choose Virtual?	<p>Districts should determine how to best use their support personnel to assist in the delivery of supports and services to the extent that would be appropriate if school buildings were open. We realize that schools are looking for innovative ways to serve students as services will not look the way they previously did prior to the pandemic we are now facing.</p> <p>COVID 19 Outage FAQ</p>
If I choose Virtual learning and my student qualifies for ESY in 2021, can they attend if it is face-to-face?	<p>There has been no waiver for the consideration of Extended School Year Services as outlined in IDEA section 300.106.</p> <p>If it is determined that a student needs ESY services but those services cannot be provided through alternate methods then the district should communicate a plan to address the need when school buildings reopen. COVID 19 Outage FAQ</p>
Related Services	
My child receives Interpreting services and is in all general education classes. If we choose Virtual learning, how will her interpreting services (sign language) be provided?	<p>Ensuring compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), † Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act should not prevent any school from offering educational programs through distance instruction. Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities</p>
My child relies on lip reading but is in regular education classes. Will all of her teachers wear masks that are clear?	<p>The district is preparing for the needed PPE necessary to appropriately deliver services. Clear masks are being considered.</p>
<p>My child receives Orientation and Mobility services, ie: cane training for spatial and environmental concepts and visual travel skills.</p> <p>Will my child receive these services at the school if I choose Virtual learning?</p>	<p>Districts should determine how to best use their support personnel to assist in the delivery of supports and services to the extent that would be appropriate if school buildings were open. We realize that schools are looking for innovative ways to serve students as services will not look the way they previously did prior to the pandemic we are now facing.</p> <p>COVID 19 Outage FAQ</p>
I would like to choose Virtual learning but my child receives School Nurse services by a special education nurse. Will this be available if I choose virtual?	<p>The purpose of the IDEA is to ensure access to public schools for students with disabilities.</p>

	<p>Services are deemed supportive services, as they were necessary for the student to attend school.</p> <p><i>Cedar Rapids Cmty. Sch. Dist. v. Garret F., 29 IDELR 966 (U.S.1999)</i></p>
<p>Are Hearing and Vision therapists considered staff or visitors? Will they be allowed to enter schools for therapy sessions?</p>	<p>Ensuring compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), † Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act should not prevent any school from offering educational programs through distance instruction. Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities</p> <p>Hearing and vision staff are considered staff and not visitors in buildings.</p>
<p>My child has chosen virtual school, will their Hearing or Vision staff be able to monitor their learning to make sure their accommodations are being made?</p>	<p>Ensuring compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), † Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act should not prevent any school from offering educational programs through distance instruction. Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities</p> <p>Yes, services determined by the IEP apply to Virtual learning and may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Videos with closed captioning when available 2.Using screencastify, the interpreter is displayed in a window during a lesson 3. If the lesson is a synchronous lesson, the interpreter could be present and offer services at the time of the instruction