

OFF-SITE INSTRUCTION AND VIRTUAL COURSES

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Homebound Instruction

ACPS maintains a program of homebound instruction for students who are confined at home or in a health care facility for periods that would prevent normal school attendance based upon certification of need by a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or clinical psychologist. The Superintendent or designee approves applicants for homebound instruction.

Credit for the work is awarded when it is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant subject areas and employed by the School Board, and there is evidence that the instructional time requirements or alternative means of awarding credit adopted by the Board have been met.

During home instruction, the student attendance is recorded according to regulation JEA-R Attendance Regulations.

Virtual Courses

Students may enroll in and receive a standard and verified unit of credit for supervised virtual courses with prior approval of the principal. The Superintendent is responsible for developing regulations governing this method of delivery of instruction in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Education that include the provisions of 8 VAC 20-131-110 and the administration of required Standards of Learning tests prescribed by 8 VAC 20-131-30. For courses offered for possible high school credit, standard units of credit are awarded for successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant subject areas. A verified unit of credit may be earned when the student has successfully completed the requirements specified in 8 VAC 20-131-110.

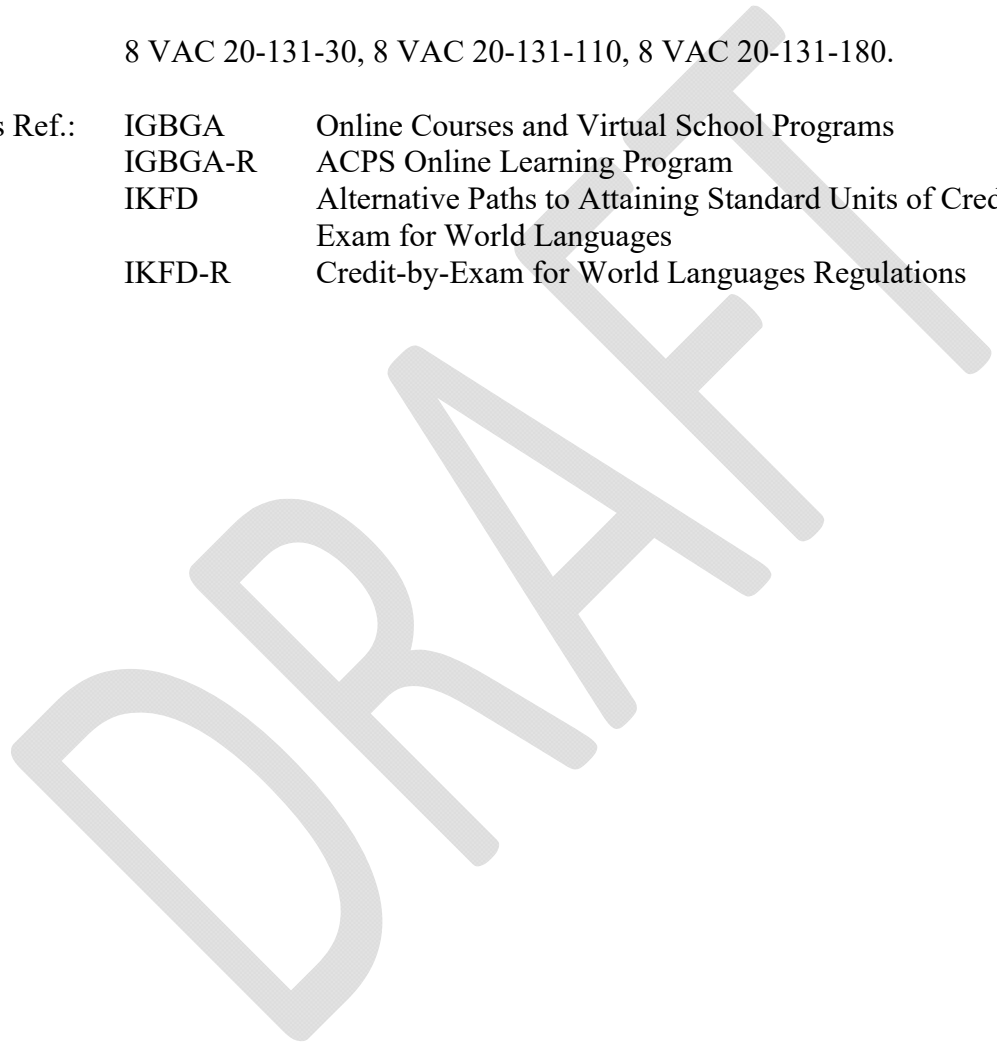
Credits

Any credits earned through homebound instruction or approved virtual courses are considered a part of the student’s regular schoolwork and are recorded as such on the student’s cumulative record.

Virtual School Program

The Virtual School Program is described in Policy IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs

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48 Adopted: June 1, 2006
49 Amended: June 9, 2011
50 Amended: June 11, 2015
51 Amended: October 27, 2016
52 Amended:
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54 Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-253.13:3, 54.1-2952.2,
55 54.1-2957.02.
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57 8 VAC 20-131-30, 8 VAC 20-131-110, 8 VAC 20-131-180.
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59 Cross Ref.: IGBGA Online Courses and Virtual School Programs
60 IGBGA-R ACPS Online Learning Program
61 IKFD Alternative Paths to Attaining Standard Units of Credit: Credit-by-
62 Exam for World Languages
63 IKFD-R Credit-by-Exam for World Languages Regulations



1 **HOMEBOUND, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ALTERNATIVE**
2 **MEANS OF INSTRUCTION**

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Commented [1]: Policy renamed and updated to reflect amendment of 8 VAC 20-131-180.

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10 **Homebound Instruction**

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13 or in a health care facility for periods that would prevent normal school attendance based upon
14 certification of need by a licensed physician, physician assistant, ~~nurse practitioner~~ advanced
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16 applicants for homebound instruction.

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18 Upon request of the student's parent or guardian, and provided such request is recommended by a
19 physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical psychologist, ACPS shall furnish a
20 teacher to instruct the student at home. Any credits earned shall be considered a part of the
21 student's regular school work and recorded as such on the cumulative record. Credit for the work
22 shall be awarded when it is done under the supervision of a certified teacher, a person eligible to
23 hold a Virginia certificate, or other appropriately licensed professional, licensed teacher qualified
24 in the relevant subject areas and employed by the School Board, and there is evidence that
25 the instructional time requirements or alternative means of awarding credit adopted by the Board
26 have been met.

Commented [4]: Removed. The content is redundant with the opening paragraph; ACPS may choose to provide a virtual option, the teacher requirement limits division options. The content is not part of the VSBA model policy.

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Commented [6]: Would this include third party vendors?

Commented [MS7R6]: Yes. The teacher of record must be qualified.

Commented [8]: Doesn't the student have to pass the class (demonstrate competency) to obtain credit for the work?

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28 The Superintendent or designee shall approve applicants for homebound instruction. Medical
29 forms must be maintained on file.

30 During such period of home instruction, the student attendance is recorded according to regulation
31 JEA-R Attendance Regulations shall be carried on the school register as present.

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"Upon demonstration of mastery of course content and objectives, the Superintendent or designee may recommend that qualified students may receive a standard unit(s) of credit and be permitted to sit for the relevant SOL Assessment to earn a verified credit(s) without having to meet the 140 clock hour requirement, in accordance with Policy IGBG."

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33 **Correspondence Virtual Courses**

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39 administration of required Standards of Learning tests prescribed by 8 VAC 20-131-30. For
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41 completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school
42 program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant
43 subject areas. A verified unit of credit may be earned when the student has successfully completed
44 the requirements specified in 8 VAC 20-131-110, at the direction and for the adoption of the
45 School Board and in accordance with the Standards of Accreditation, will develop guidelines
46 governing the enrollment of students in supervised correspondence courses for receipt of standard

Commented [10]: Moved up to improve readability. Removed the mention of medial forms as it is too detailed for a policy and it part of regular records retention requirements.

Commented [11]: This is inconsistent with JEA-R Attendance Regulations. Updated to provide breadcrumbs to JEA-R.

Commented [12]: New requirement to develop Regulation IGBG-R. Maybe joint reg. with IGBGA-R: ACPS Online Learning Program?

Commented [13]: I think the existing Online Learning Program regulation satisfies this requirement.

47 and verified units of credit. Students who enroll in high school as freshmen before July 1, 2018,
48 as sophomores before July 1, 2019, as juniors before July 1, 2020 or as seniors before July 1, 2021
49 may enroll in such courses with prior approval of the principal.

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51 Standard units of credit will be awarded for the successful completion of such courses when the
52 course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the
53 supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, approved by the
54 School Board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has passed the SOL test
55 associated with the correspondence course completed.

56 Instruction through Alternative Technological Means

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58 The Superintendent, at the direction and for the adoption of the School Board and in accordance
59 with the Standards of Accreditation, shall develop guidelines for students who enroll in high school
60 as freshmen before July 1, 2018, as sophomores before July 1, 2019, as juniors before July 1, 2020
61 or as seniors before July 1, 2021 to encourage the pursuit of alternative means to deliver instruction
62 to accommodate student needs through emerging technologies.

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74 record.

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79 Programs

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