



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3313.482 Online make-up hours.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is not an internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Qualifying school" means a school operated by a school district, a community school, a STEM school, or a chartered nonpublic school that is not operating using a blended learning model in accordance with section 3302.41 of the Revised Code for the applicable school year. However, "qualifying school" does not include any school operated by a school district that uses an online learning model pursuant to section 3302.42 of the Revised Code.

(3) "School district" means a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district.

(4) "STEM school" means a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Not later than the first day of August of each school year, the governing body of each qualifying school shall adopt a plan to provide instruction via online delivery in order to make up hours in that school year for which it is necessary to close schools for disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for use.

(2) Each plan shall be designed to ensure continuity of learning for students during a school closure and shall include all of the following:

(a) A statement that the qualifying school, to the extent possible, will provide for teacher-directed synchronous learning in which the teacher and students are interacting in real time on a virtual



learning platform during the closure;

(b) The qualifying school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities and how the school will reach out to students to ensure engagement during the closure;

(c) A description of how equitable access to quality instruction will be ensured, including how the qualifying school will address the needs of students with disabilities, English learners, and other vulnerable student populations;

(d) The process the qualifying school will use to notify staff, students, and parents that the school will be using online delivery of instruction;

(e) Information on contacting teachers by telephone, electronic mail, or a virtual learning platform during the closure;

(f) A description of how the qualifying school will meet the needs of staff and students regarding internet connectivity and technology for online delivery of instruction.

(3) A plan adopted under this section shall provide for making up any number of hours, up to a maximum of the number of hours that are the equivalent of three school days.

(4) Each plan adopted under this section shall include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) In addition to the hours that may be made up in accordance with division (B) of this section, the board of education of any joint vocational school district may include in its plan adopted under this section other options to make up any number of additional hours missed as a result of one or more of the schools of its member city, exempted village, or local school districts being closed for the reasons specified in division (B)(1) of this section. Those options may include additional online lessons, planned student internships, student projects, or other options specified by the board in its plan.



(D)(1) No school district that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours for which the plan is utilized.

(2) No community school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours for which the plan is utilized.

(3) No STEM school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours for which the plan is utilized.

(4) No chartered nonpublic school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum number of hours required under section 3313.48 of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours for which the plan is utilized.