

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**DEFINITION OF “ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE
EDUCATIONAL PROCESS” AND STUDENT ATTENDANCE
FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (“WHO”) characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, meaning the WHO identified the worldwide spread of a new disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency and issued Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020 as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, Governor Jared Polis amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 003 through Executive Order D 2020 125; and

WHEREAS, under Colo. Const. art. 9, § 15, the local Board of Education has control of instruction in its public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the current pandemic creates the need for changes to instructional delivery and the situations under which students are considered in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Education provided guidance specific for the 2020-2021 school year, stating local boards may define “the educational process” as including instruction delivered electronically and/or other types of independent, remote work time for students that is provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District RE-1 authorizes the following:

1. That for the 2020-21 school year and thereafter pursuant to Board policy, teacher-pupil instruction and a student’s “active engagement in the educational process” shall include instruction delivered electronically and/or the use of other types of independent, remote work time for students provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.

2. That a Board policy be developed to define “actively engaged in the educational process” in a policy addressing School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time and that the definition of “actively engaged in the educational process” include instruction delivered electronically and/or the use of other types of independent, remote work time for students provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.
3. That student attendance will be recorded at least once daily for days when instructional hours are provided, meaning a student is “actively engaged in the educational process” whether the instruction is delivered to the student in person in the classroom and/or electronically and/or through the use of other types of independent, remote work time for students provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.
4. Teacher-pupil instruction and contact time may include e-learning (remote learning), including instructional days, implemented as a result of public health and safety measures. E-learning may include use of the existing district online school or program, assigned and prepared work packets, pre-recorded classes, or other method(s) utilized by the district. Teacher-pupil instruction and contact time for students engaged in e-learning instruction may occur based on the following:
 - a. Participation in on-line instruction;
 - b. Assignments completed at home;
 - c. Logging into the online learning platform;
 - d. Signing an online form attesting to work completed at home;
 - e. Student demonstration of learning; or
 - f. Responding to teacher emails or communication.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district will make a good faith effort to ensure that the combination of in-person and/or e-learning implemented during the year allows students to learn the same academic content as they would have learned under the in-person bell schedule.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of actions taken under this Resolution.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution is in effect for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 4th day of August, 2020 by a vote of 7-0.

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David Ray

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David Ray, President

By *Elizabeth Hanson*
Elizabeth Hanson, Secretary