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defined as a delivery model that is an interactive computer-based and internet-connected environment in which students are separated from their teachers by time or location or both and in which a Mississippi-certified teacher is responsible for providing instruction.

is defined as a hybrid instructional delivery model where students are provided face-to-face instruction in part at a supervised school facility away from home and in part in a computer-based, blended learning environment with some degree of student control over time, location, and pace in which a Mississippi-certified teacher is responsible for providing instruction.

shall be subject to the following requirements:

- i. Teachers are licensed by the Mississippi Department of Education to teach the respective course, as verified by the online/blended learning provider;
- ii. Background checks are conducted for the teachers;
- iii. The content, curriculum, and assessments for each course are aligned to the competencies, objectives, and standards of the respective Mississippi course;
- iv. Appropriate course codes are used;
- v. A facilitator is assigned to assist students;
- vi. Students have access to the technology needed for courses;
- vii. Students have all instructional materials needed for courses;
- viii. The district grading policy is followed;
- ix. The student must complete 100% of the course to receive a credit;
- x. Students enrolled in the courses take the required state assessments where applicable; and
- xi. Documentation is maintained on file at the central office.

Also, the student handbook shall include the following information for students, parents, and the community:

- i. The process for notifying parents about the program;
- ii. Minimum criteria to determine eligibility for participation;
- iii. The number of online courses that students can take at one time;
- iv. If the distance online / blended learning program can be used for credit recovery, remediation, and/or first-time enrollment;
- v. The courses by grade level and content area for the online/blended learning program; and

- vi. The process for monitoring student progress and notifying parents of student progress during enrollment in the online/blended learning program.

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LEGAL REF.: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 37-1-3, § 37-161-3

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