

Non-Traditional Environment Option

The Powell County School District recognizes that a traditional school environment is not the most conducive learning environment for all children.

The Non-Traditional Environment option should not be the first option for most students. It is an alternative option that requires a significant commitment on the part of both parent/guardian and student to complete online learning through a digital platform which is accredited and approved and monitored by the District.

Students may request this option if they are entering the sixth through twelfth (6th – 12th) grade.. An application is available to apply for the Powell County Virtual Learning Academy (PCVLA). Elementary age students will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Prior to applying for elementary virtual academy, parents/guardians should communicate with the Director of Pupil Personnel. The non-traditional environment option may include an online digital platform-based learning model provided by the District, dual credit college courses paid for by the parent/guardian or through dual credit scholarships, or a mixture of online classes, dual credit courses, and traditional seat time classes on campus.

CONDITIONS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL OPTION

Student must enroll as a full-time student or otherwise qualify for partial day as determined by Board Policy 09.122.

Courses taken must be:

- Digital platform-based learning; or
- On campus at one of the Powell County schools
- Dual credit college courses on the Powell County High School campus funded by dual credit scholarship, if available, or parent/guardian, or
- Dual credit college courses taken through an accredited university or community college (on campus or online) funded by the parent/guardian, or dual credit scholarship, if available, or
- At the Area Technology Center assigned to the Powell County Schools, or
- A combination of course structures above.

All students enrolled must have all immunizations up to date and present all other required documents including school physical, eye exam, and dental exam.

If students are taking some of their courses on campus in the traditional environment they must pay the required school fees.

Students must abide by all rules of the District and school including the Acceptable User Policy (AUP) and will be held to the same standard of behavior and consequences as students in the traditional environment. Any violation of code or policy could lead to withdrawal from PCVLA.

Non-Traditional Environment Option**CONDITIONS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL OPTION (CONTINUED)**

While students may take some or all of their courses in their home environment, they may not be enrolled in a homeschool or any other public high school while being a student in the Powell County School District. They may participate in dual-credit college offered courses.

Students must follow the equivalent coursework in the same order of that which is required of a student attending the traditional environment at the elementary, middle, or high school.

Students must earn the same number of credits to graduate as students in the traditional environment. Progress will be monitored at the same intervals as students in the traditional school environment and at the end of each interval a determination will be made whether or not the student is on target to complete required coursework. Students not on target will be required to attend a meeting with the Dean of Students and/or Director of Pupil Personnel, Chief Academic Officer, and parent/guardian. If a student remains unsuccessful at another monitoring interval within the school year, another meeting will take place and the student may be enrolled back in the traditional school (on campus) environment or withdraw to homeschool and follow all homeschool laws.

Students will be required to take all state and school assessments and complete all state and school required components such as college admission tests, Individual Learning Plan, and any other assessment or requirement of the state or the school.

ENROLLMENT

1. Enrollment is voluntary and selective. Staff will utilize previous work ethic, grades, and performance to determine suitability for the virtual program. Input from former teachers and administrators will be considered when available.
2. Voluntary enrollment of a child with a disability in a full-time enrolled online, virtual and remote learning program shall be made through the Admissions and Release Committee (ARC)
3. All students selected for the program and their guardians will be required to attend a parent/guardian/student orientation.
4. If a student is unable to login to the digital learning platform for any reason, the student must make direct contact with PCVLA. If contact is not made, attendance will be affected.
 - A. After one week of inactivity, five (5) consecutive school days, students will need to report to in-person learning lab to catch up on work.
 - B. After two weeks of inactivity, ten (10) consecutive school days, student access to the digital learning platform will be suspended and the student will be required to attend a meeting with the Dean of Students and/or Director of Pupil Personnel, Chief Academic Officer, and parent/guardian to determine continued eligibility in the program.

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ENROLLMENT (CONTINUED)

5. Students will have regular ongoing face-to-face or virtual meetings with PCVLA staff.
6. Students who are withdrawn from PCVLA will be expected to return to their home based school immediately..
7. Parent/guardian are responsible for computer and internet access on a daily basis when regular school is in session for Powell County students at the expense of the parent/guardian.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be determined by daily progress. Students enrolled in a virtual or performance-based course will have attendance determined by staying on track to pass the class. If a student is not on track for successfully completing a course, the student will receive unexcused absences (unless otherwise excused per Board policy) each school day they are not working online for a period of four (4) hours per day of instruction. Truancy and habitual truancy will be determined based on unexcused absences per Board policy and Kentucky law. Attendance will be taken for students enrolled in seat time courses at the course level. Absences excuses should be submitted to the Powell County Virtual Learning Academy Dean of Students. Students who are deemed to be habitually truant must re-enroll in traditional in person instruction or withdraw to homeschool and follow all homeschool laws.

ACCESS TO SERVICES

Virtual students will have access to the same services offered to students on campus. Such services include mental health counseling, physical health visits, and instructional services such as Extended School Services, tutoring, intervention, etc. Students may have to come to campus to receive services if virtual options are not available.

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT SCHOOL

When students are enrolled in the non-traditional environment option, there will be certain requirements to be able to participate in certain activities and events.

Sports

All KHSAA rules must be followed. Parents/guardians must ensure that their child's non-traditional environment coursework allows for them to be present at all practices and games as required by the coach. In addition, sports participation requires students to:

1. Utilize online courses provided by the Powell County Schools so progress and attendance can be monitored.
2. Work online a minimum of 20 hours each seven day week or sit out of play the following week. Athletes sitting out of play will not dress out for games or travel with the team.
- 2.3. To follow district athletic attendance regulations, student athletes must also report to PCVLA on game days. The amount of time required will be dependent upon virtual standing at that time.
- 3.4. Remain on pace for completing courses for the year at all times during the season. Virtual students behind pace for completing coursework will not play until they are on pace.

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- 4.5. Submit to the same standard of random drug screening as traditional student athletes and be transported to the school if selected in the random drug school pool.
- 5.6. Be enrolled in the Powell County Middle School or High School instead of the Powell County Academy.

Clubs

Students with a desire to be in a club must take the courses on campus that are associated with the club. For example, for a student to be in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) he/she must enroll in the business course for their grade level on campus. If choosing a club associated with a career technical class, the student must commit to a career/technical pathway and take all courses required to be a completer for that pathway on campus. Clubs which do not require associated courses, such as Pep Club or Key Club, may be attended regardless of the number of on-campus courses as long as the student can meet regularly with the club and participate in a respectful manner.

Prom

A student in the Non-Traditional Environment option will be allowed to attend prom as per high school handbook as long as they are on track with their coursework to complete in the school year. At the end of the first semester the student will be told whether they are on track for completing coursework and are able to attend prom or not. Two (2) weeks prior to prom, a final decision will be made regarding progress status. If the student is not on track at this point in the year to complete their coursework, they will not be allowed to attend prom.

Band

In order to participate in concert or marching band, the student must be willing to participate on campus for instruction and participate in all practice sessions for performances.

Other Dances/Events

As long as a Non-Traditional Environment student is on track with their coursework, they will be allowed to participate in events such as homecoming dances, other dances, and events based on student grade and home school. Progress will be monitored regularly and the student must check with the school principal and/or Director of Pupil Personnel prior to participating.

Non-Traditional Environment Option**KEES Funding**

Students in the non-traditional environment option are considered full-time students at the Powell County High School and will qualify for KEES money.

NO-PASS/NO-DRIVE

Students must adhere to the law regarding No Pass/No Drive in order to obtain their driver's permit and retain their license. This includes passing five (5) out of seven (7) classes and attending school not to miss more than nine (9) unexcused absences. Absences will be determined by school days not logged in and completing a minimum of four (4) hours of work if a student is behind pace in their courses.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLASS

Career and Technical classes require a lot of hands-on learning. Courses such as nursing, diesel mechanics, carpentry, electrical, all courses offered at the Area Technology Center, etc. must be taken on campus in order to participate. Instructor discretion will be the determining factor regarding courses that may be able to be taken online.

SENIOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**Class Ranking**

Only classes required by the Powell County High School will be considered regarding class rank.

Senior Trips

If a senior is on track to graduate, they may participate on senior trips.

Senior Breakfast

If a senior is on track to graduate, they may participate in senior breakfast.

Superlatives

Seniors will be considered for superlatives recognition.

Graduation Ceremony

If a senior has completed all coursework to graduate according to all standards of the Powell County High School or Powell County Academy, they may participate in the graduation ceremony.

Request for Non-Traditional Environment Option
Application for Non-Traditional Environment Option

Student's Name:	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
Student's Address:	_____		_____
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
School:	_____	Grade in the upcoming school year:	_____
Student Signature:	_____	Date:	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature:	_____	Date:	_____

THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT REQUESTS PRIOR APPROVAL TO EARN CREDIT OR TAKE COURSES AT THE ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL THROUGH AN ALTERNATIVE NON-TRADITIONAL ENVIRONMENT ROUTE.

- Program requested: Complete Non-Traditional Environment
 On-Campus/Non-Traditional Environment Mixed Program

Courses from what source(s):

- District Chosen Online Learning
- Parent/guardian Funded Online Courses (upon approval by Chief Academic Officer and Director of Pupil Personnel for accreditation)
 Name of Online Learning Provider: _____
 (Accreditation documentation must be provided to the District by the parent/guardian.)
- Dual Credit College Level Online or On-Campus Learning
 Name of College: _____
- On-Campus/ATC Courses (list courses requested)
 Courses: _____
- Other coursework that is approved and monitored by the District
 Other: _____

Reason for taking this alternative credit option pathway:

- Previously homeschooled and desiring opportunities offered by the school
 - Simultaneous high school/college credit
 - Other: _____
- _____

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BASIC PARENT/GUARDIAN ASSURANCES

- I assure we have quality Internet access daily
- I assure that we have a device available to complete all coursework
- I assure that I will maintain open communication with PCVLA personnel.

Student: I have read and agree to adhere to the policies and procedures pertaining to the Powell County Non-Traditional Learning Environment Option and the stipulations contained within the student contract. If taking dual credit courses, I understand that it is my responsibility to submit an official transcript of my grades from the college or online program agreed upon for courses outside of those directly offered by the high school to the Director of Pupil Personnel by the date specified in order to receive credit toward graduation. I agree to take all state and school required assessments. I agree to complete my work in an ethical manner and will attest that all work completed is by me and no other person.

Signature of Student *Date*

Parent/Guardian: I understand that it is my responsibility to establish a learning schedule that allows for the equivalent of a minimum of six (6) instructional hours per day, including possible time on campus, or ensure my child follows through with dual credit college courses. I agree that while I may work with my child to assist him/her in his/her learning and teach my child material that he/she needs help with, I will not complete the work for my child nor will I allow anyone other than my child to complete their work. I also understand it is my responsibility to pay for any courses that I choose for my child to take that are not provided by the Powell County School District through their online learning catalog.

Additionally, I agree that if my child is not showing significant progress towards completing the required coursework as agreed upon with the District, I will either enroll him/her in the traditional school environment or withdraw him/her to homeschool and abide by all homeschool laws of Kentucky.

Signature of Parent/Guardian *Date*

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~~We recommend this student be permitted to take the requested non-traditional environment alternative credit option.~~
