

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**March 2015****REPORT ON VIRTUAL EDUCATION****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Sections 161.670, 162.1250 and 167.121 RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
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Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

Numerous conversations are taking place at national and state levels regarding the evolution of virtual education and the benefits and drawbacks of this type of instructional delivery system. To enhance student success with online learning, a variety of resources (i.e., streaming audio and video, email, live chats, etc.) may be utilized.

Students take virtual courses for many reasons such as accessing advanced courses or world language courses that are not currently offered by their local school district. Students who are home-bound or medically fragile may access virtual courses in appropriate environments.

Park Hill School District located in the greater Kansas City region, has been a leader in the development and inclusion of virtual education in their instructional program. Park Hill currently has 14 online classes with over 1,200 students enrolled in an online class this year.

Representatives from the Park Hill School District will demonstrate and discuss how virtual education is being implemented in their school district.

PRESENTER(S):

Dr. Jeanette Cowherd, Assistant Superintendent for School Improvement, and Dr. Susan Rizzo, Director of Instructional Technology, Park Hill School District, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.