

Virtual State Assessments for Virtual School Students; HB 2080

HB 2080 enacts law supplemental to the Virtual School Act to allow any student enrolled full-time in a Kansas virtual school to take statewide assessments, required by state law, in a virtual setting.

The bill requires the administration of any virtual statewide assessment to meet the following conditions:

- The assessment must be administered to the student at an assigned date and time;
- The assessment must be administered during a synchronous session that is started and managed by an employee of the virtual school;
- The assessment administered in the virtual setting must be the same assessment administered to students enrolled in a virtual school but taking the assessment in an in-person setting;
- The student must be monitored by the assessment proctor via a camera for the length of the assessment;
- If the assessment's platform does not allow for integrated camera proctoring, the bill would require the student to use two devices during the assessment;
- The device on which the student will be taking the test must be equipped with browser lockdown software which is in operation for the length of the assessment;
- A proctor cannot monitor more than ten students during the administration of the assessment;
- The student cannot exit the assessment platform until instructed to by the proctor; and
- The completed assessment must be verified by the assessment administrator.

The bill requires the State Department of Education to implement the provisions of the bill using the Department's funds for the administration of all statewide assessments.