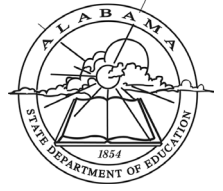




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Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Virtual School Assurances on Cognia's eProve Diagnostics Platform

In the 2026-2027 school year, systems that have a virtual school must complete the Virtual School Assurances in Cognia's eProve Diagnostics Platform. According to the *Virtual Schools Act*, Act 2015-89, school systems are required to ensure that online providers of virtual courses are accredited by a recognized accreditation entity, and it is essential that the courses contain the required content as identified in the applicable Alabama Courses of Study. Additionally, virtual schools are required to abide by federal education statutes including the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA), Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, and Title II of the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA).

The Virtual School Assurances should only be completed by systems with a virtual school that earns foundation units and has enrollment. Brick-and-mortar schools that offer virtual programs or virtual courses are not required to complete the assurances. Each system that has a virtual school should complete the assurances on or before **November 2, 2026**.

For instructions on how to complete the Virtual School Assurances, please go to the following link: [Virtual School Assurances 2026-2027](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jean Scott by email at jscott@alsde.edu or by telephone at (334) 694-4641 for additional information.

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