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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2022-080

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**Business Managers** 

Computer/Technology Coordinators

Curriculum Coordinators

**Virtual Education Coordinators** 

WISE Coordinators

**Principals** 

School Board Chairpersons

**FROM:** Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** June 27, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Chapter 41 Rules Temporary Virtual Education Policy

## TEMPORARY VIRTUAL EDUCATION POLICY REQUIREMENTS

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) revised <u>Chapter 41 Virtual Education Rules</u> have been promulgated and are now in effect. Included in the revised rules are the requirements for district implementation of temporary virtual education days. Temporary virtual education days are days in face-to-face classes in which a district is delivering the educational program outside the physical classroom through virtual instruction to a student, or students, for less than 50% of the total number of school days.

Districts have the discretion to determine when or if temporary virtual education days will be used. Temporary virtual education may be implemented at the student, school, or district level or in any combination the district deems necessary. Examples of temporary virtual education days include but are not limited to the following:

- Continued instructional delivery when students, teachers, and/or full classrooms, grade levels, etc., are home in quarantine.
- Hybrid school schedules with mostly in-person days and some virtual days.

- Planned virtual school days in the approved school calendar.
- Virtual school days during inclement weather.
- Virtual school days for emergency building closures (e.g., gas leak, construction delays).

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each school district that plans to provide temporary virtual education days is required to develop board policy that meets the requirements of Section 12 of Chapter 41. The policy shall be submitted to the WDE for review and approval by November 1, 2022, as part of the annual accreditation evidence submission.

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