

Repeal Distance and e-Learning Policy 3.208

The Background:

Distance and E-Learning Policy 3.208 includes information on processes for online or distance education courses for students in grades K-12. However, this policy has not been updated since 2013, and there have been many advancements in technology and virtual education since that time. The policy is also not in alignment with Virtual Schools Rule 0520-01-03-.05, Course Access Program Rule 0520-01-14, and Continuous Learning Plan Rule 0520-01-17.

To avoid confusion on requirements for virtual learning, this first and final reading item proposes the repeal of this policy. State Board staff plan to work with the Department in the coming months to research best practices on virtual learning to develop a virtual education programs rule in alignment with T.C.A. § 49-16-101 *et seq.*

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.