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Subject: [Administrators] Missouri Online Course Access and Virtual School Program (MOCAP)

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Dear School Administrator:

Summer is a time of rest and reflection on the past year. It's a time of preparation as well. Based on the number of phone calls, I have concluded that we can help improve some of your preparation by providing some clarity around the Missouri Online Course Access and Virtual School Program (MOCAP).

As I am sure you know, your district is obligated under Section 161.670.3(2), RSMo to adopt an enrollment policy that treats enrollment in MOCAP courses in a manner substantially similar to those offered locally. Further, the statute provides that a student has a right to enroll in MOCAP courses. The district may deny the enrollment, subject to an appeal to your local board of education and ultimately the department, if it is not in the best educational interest of the student.

It has been a year of significant effort to build the MOCAP program, and it is now available for student enrollment. What does that mean to you? If you have students who request enrollment in a MOCAP course, providing they meet eligibility requirements and the request is in their best interest, you can review the MOCAP course catalog at mocap.mo.gov. Enrollment takes place between the district and the vendor.

The MOCAP website provides the list of approved MOCAP providers. Eight providers are approved at this time. The approved MOCAP providers are

- Accelerate,
- Acellus,
- Edgenuity,
- Edison Learning,
- Edmentum,
- Greenways,
- Mizzou K-12, and
- Odysseyware.

Your district is free to enter into agreements with other districts or commercial providers to supply your students with virtual coursework. While these are not MOCAP courses, you are in no way prohibited from doing so. At the same time, unlike MOCAP courses, your district is under no legal obligation to enroll your students in these courses. The proper MOSIS/Core Data coding for these two situations is quite different. Please refer to Administrative Memo QS-19-002 for further information.

I am excited about what virtual education, specifically MOCAP, can do to increase access to coursework for all students. Thank you in advance for considering how best to serve the needs of your students. I hope this communication provides clarity to you. If you have questions, please contact the MOCAP office at 573-751-2453. Our staff will be pleased to assist you. Thank you for all you do for the students of our state.

Sincerely,

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