

Tiger Connect: Virtual Learning Option for Snyder ISD

Overview

Tiger Connect would provide a district-managed virtual learning option for grades 9–12, offering flexibility while keeping students enrolled, supported, and eligible for UIL participation within Snyder ISD.

Why It Matters

Families are increasingly seeking flexible learning environments. Without a district option, students may exit to homeschool or outside programs—resulting in lost enrollment and funding. Tiger Connect allows Snyder ISD to meet this need while maintaining accountability, continuity, and relationships with students and families.

Tiger Connect is best suited for students who:

- Perform at or above grade level
- Demonstrate independence, organization, and responsibility
- Have strong time management and self-monitoring skills
- Benefit from a flexible schedule (work, extracurriculars, non-traditional pathways)

Additional expectations include: active parent/guardian engagement, reliable device and WiFi access, commitment to rigor and consistent progress monitoring, and understanding of limited hands-on CTE access

Program Design

The program would utilize Edmentum’s EdOptions Virtual Academy, a fully accredited platform offering both self-paced and structured learning, with unlimited core courses and electives.

Students are supported by Texas-certified virtual teachers and a district coordinator, with required weekly check-ins for progress monitoring. The platform reports a 96% pass rate, and all students receive onboarding success coaching.

Students remain accountable to Snyder ISD expectations, including: on-campus STAAR/EOC testing, attendance based on engagement and progress, and aligned grading practices.

Special education services can be supported through IEP integration, with additional services available if needed.

Financial Considerations

The program is financially sustainable, with an estimated \$2,500 cost per student and approximately \$10,000 in state funding, resulting in a net of \$7,500 per student. The model also allows for potential out-of-district enrollment, generating additional revenue.

Tiger Connect is a strategic solution for student retention and innovation—providing flexibility while ensuring students remain connected, accountable, and funded within Snyder ISD.