



Virtual Learning Guidelines

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- Pre-Requisites for virtual learning:
 - A capable and accessible adult willing to monitor/support virtual learning.
 - Agreement to abide by the Academic Honesty Policy concerning completion of assignments and assessments in the virtual environment.
- All extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, clubs, field trips, sports, cheer, dance, band, choir and Career & Technical Education will NOT be available for students enrolled in virtual learning. However, seniors enrolled in virtual learning who complete all graduation requirements will be able to participate in their typical school site's commencement ceremony.
- The curriculum for virtual learning for Grades K-8 will consist mainly of core classes in ELA, math, science and social studies.
- The curriculum for virtual learning for Grades 9-12 will be based on course availability and student enrollment.
- Individual Education Plans and Language Services Plans will be maintained to the maximum extent possible for student enrolled in virtual learning.
- Students enrolled in virtual learning must be committed to online learning. While virtual learning is an option for students in unique situations, virtual learning cannot replicate the traditional classroom setting.
- Students enrolled in virtual learning will follow the district academic calendar and will be allowed only to take courses for which they are enrolled at the beginning of the school year.
- Students participating in virtual learning will be considered enrolled at his/her home school and assigned to Madison County Schools' instructional staff.
- Best practices for virtual learning will be employed to include rigorous instruction, high expectations of student performance, and meeting grade-level standards. The grading system, as well as promotion/retention policy utilized for on-campus students, will also be applicable to virtual students.
- Teachers may be available to assist students enrolled in virtual learning in working through weekly independent assignments. Students enrolled in virtual learning and their at-home supervising adult will also need to become familiar with Microsoft Teams and Learning Management Systems such as Canvas. The content and pace will reflect traditional school curriculum expectations. Instruction may not include real-time interaction with teachers and/or other students. Virtual learning classes will not be a live stream of the traditional classroom. However, in some circumstances, a student may join in live online instruction.
- Students enrolled in virtual learning will be considered "in attendance" if they complete work on a weekly basis to stay on track with the traditional course schedule while adhering to Mississippi Department of Education guidelines.
- Students enrolled in virtual learning may be required to be in person for school and state testing or other activities designated by the school or district leadership.
- The only opportunities to request a transfer from virtual learning to on-campus learning will be at the beginning of each semester. Once you submit the online Virtual Learning Enrollment Form for your student, your student cannot switch to on-campus learning until the beginning of the spring or fall semester, whichever is applicable.