



Monongalia County Schools Virtual Learning & Homeschooling 20-21

Virtual Learning occurs through a process that begins with a virtual school application completed and submitted to the school where the student is enrolled. All students participating in virtual school are registered in the school located in their attendance district.

Registration for virtual courses for the Fall 2020 will begin August 17, 2020.

The actual coursework will begin September 8, 2020. Student and parent must complete a virtual application and submit to the school where they are enrolled. Applications can be found on the MCS website.

Students in grades K-12 may be enrolled in full time virtual courses (6 courses) through Monongalia County Schools and West Virginia Virtual. Virtual learning addresses grade-level College and Career Ready standards through the online programs that are aligned to the West Virginia standards. The courses selected for the student should mirror the required courses that would be in person delivered to your student if they were in the classroom as per WVDE Policy 2510. The facilitators of virtual courses are WV certified teachers.



Students enrolled in a virtual program do not come to school. All aspects of the virtual program are conducted online. There is no direct instruction by a teacher. The

delivery of content is computer adapted instruction. Virtual programming is self-paced but must be completed within the timelines of the semester the student is enrolled.

Enrollment in virtual courses will only take place at the beginning of a semester. Students are enrolled for courses by semester (18 weeks). A student could be enrolled in a virtual program the first semester and

return to the in-person learning at the brick and mortar school where they are enrolled.

Once a virtual student decides to not finish a course prior to the end of the course, they will not be able to re-enroll in any virtual course as per WVDE guidance.

Students with disabilities may also be serviced by virtual programming. An IEP committee must be convened to develop an appropriate IEP for virtual delivery.

All materials necessary to complete a course are provided online. Students enrolled in Monongalia County Schools will be able to access the virtual courses using their MCS Chromebook.

Students enrolled in virtual coursework and meet all WVSSAC guidelines will be eligible for sports in their respective school.

K-5 Elementary students must complete an application and submit the completed application to the principal of the school where the student is enrolled. The elementary virtual program does have a requirement for a 15-20 minute face-2-face session weekly. Your student will be assigned to one single facilitator for all subjects being taken. The final grade earned in the course will be the grade (traditional letter grade) that will appear on the student's report card.

6-8 Middle School students must complete an application for each course to be delivered. The application is to be submitted to the student's middle school where they are registered to attend. Once the application has been reviewed and approved, the student should access their "stu.k12.wv.us" email account for further directions in getting started in the courses. Each student will be registered for 6 courses a semester. The coursework must be completed by the end of the semester in which it is being taken. Students must complete a Proctor Exam Request in order to schedule an exam with a facilitator assigned to your school. This is not the person that is delivering the course content. This request form is located on the MCS website. The final grade earned in each course will be the grade that will appear on the student's transcript.

9-12 High School students must complete an application for each course to be delivered. The application is to be submitted to the student's high school where they are registered to attend. Once the application has been reviewed and approved, the student should access their "stu.k12.wv.us" email account for further directions in getting started in the courses. Each student will be registered for 6 courses a semester. The coursework must be completed by the end of the semester in which it is being taken. Students must complete a Proctor Exam Request in order to schedule an exam with a facilitator assigned to your school. This is not the person that is delivering the course content. This request form is located on the MCS website. The final grade earned in each course will be the grade that will appear on the student's transcript. Students do receive graduation credit toward earning a Monongalia County diploma.

Homeschool Learning

Compulsory school age in West Virginia is between the ages of six and seventeen, and home education is one legal option for fulfilling that obligation. Homeschooling in West Virginia begins by filing a one-time Notice of Intent to homeschool with the Board of Education. The letter shall contain student name, address, date of birth. The notice will also provide assurance that student will receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies and that the student will be assessed annually in the required areas of instruction. Verification shall also be provided that the person(s) providing home school instruction has obtained a high school diploma, or its equivalent. Homeschool students are not provided devices (e.g. Chromebooks, etc.) for instruction. There are no special education services provided to homeschool students. Books will only be provided if available.

For high school students there is no graduation credit awarded for course work taken through homeschooling. If a student is interested in obtaining high school credit for appropriate course work, they will be afforded the opportunity to take a MCS Test for Credit examination. The grade the student receives on the exam will be the grade posted to the student's transcript. Homeschool students will not receive a MCS diploma unless they decide to test out for credit. In order to play sports, students must meet all WVSSAC and MCS guidance and regulations by enrolling in 1 virtual course.

