

# Mecklenburg County Public Schools

## Information for Parents and Students on Virtual Learning for Next Year (2021-22)

Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) acknowledges some families may desire their student(s) to learn remotely for the 2021-22 academic year. It is our position that students learn best - and may safely learn - in a face to face school setting with proper precautions in place to mitigate or contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. At this time, MCPS expects all students to attend school face to face in the fall.

An **application** (final page) to attend school virtually is required for those families who desire to have their student(s) to learn virtually this coming fall. The completed application will be reviewed by MCPS personnel and may be approved or denied. If the application is denied, the student will attend MCPS in person this fall and follow the MCPS safety protocols that may be in place.

This document outlines the expectations for schools, parents, and students who are requesting to receive instruction virtually for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any questions after reading this information, please contact your school counselor directly.

### Information on Virtual Learning for 2021-22

Mecklenburg County Public Schools will continue to allow students to access virtual instruction for courses not currently offered in the 2021-2022 Program of Studies. Examples of this would include courses such as physics or world languages. Any such single virtual course request will be addressed on a case by case basis and would be taught through Virtual Virginia. The family should work with the school counselor for details to take a single course virtually.

Families wishing for their student(s) to learn virtually full day will be required to meet division criteria (outlined below) and submit this completed application to be considered for that option. Virtual courses will be taught by a certified teacher employed by Virtual Virginia using the CANVAS web-based platform. Any student approved for virtual learning is required to take a full academic load. If the application for virtual learning is approved, the student will be assigned a MCPS mentor/point of contact to relay school information and monitor student progress. All instruction will be delivered synchronously by Virtual Virginia according to their daily schedule. Synchronous learning is required by Virtual Virginia. This means students and their teacher are virtually together live on screen via the internet during the scheduled class period. Thus, students must have reliable internet access and be on-line each day from 8am-3pm, approximately.

Please click on the sample schedules below.

[Sample Elementary Synchronous Instructional Schedule](#)

[Secondary Synchronous Instructional Schedule](#)

### **Remote Learning Details**

1. MCPS will check out a Chromebook to the student from their school for them to access virtual courses.
2. Attendance will be taken daily through Virtual Virginia and reported to MCPS.
3. Grades will be calculated by Virtual Virginia and shared with MCPS.
4. Report cards will be distributed by MCPS.
5. Any student approved for virtual learning/courses will be required to take all state tests assigned to that grade level or content area.
6. Any remote learning student will also participate in periodic local testing, such as benchmark assessments.
7. All MCPS or state-required tests will be taken in person in the school setting.
8. The [Virtual Virginia Calendar](#) is different from the MCPS calendar, but MCPS will coordinate with Virtual Virginia as closely as possible.
9. Remote learning students are MCPS students and may participate in clubs, activities, sports, or other organizations. Transportation will not be provided to/from the school for these activities.

### **MCPS Criteria for Conditional Approval of Virtual Learning**

MCPS understands some students may learn well remotely. For most students, however, in-person learning is most appropriate. In order to receive conditional approval for virtual learning for the 2021-22 academic year, all of the following conditions must be met:

The student -

1. Must have a 'C' or better average in all core classes (English, math, social studies, science) for the 2020-21 academic year.
2. Must have an attendance rate of at least 90% for the 2020-21 academic year.
3. Must have reliable internet connection and workspace conducive to synchronous learning according to Virtual Virginia's synchronous schedule.
4. Must commit to this program minimally for the first semester.
5. Elementary level students must have an adult available to assist them with schoolwork during school hours.

## Application

Please submit the completed application to the building principal by **June 1, 2021**

Student Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level for the 20-21 school year \_\_\_\_\_

School attended during the 2020-21 school year \_\_\_\_\_

2020-2021 Student Grades (when applicable):

English/Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ History \_\_\_\_\_

Internet Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

If the student is elementary age, is there a capable adult available to assist the student during the school day? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this application, if approved, will require my child to remain a virtual learner for the entire 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year. If I do not want my child to remain virtual for the second semester, I will need to notify my child's principal, in writing, before January 6, 2022. If my child does not maintain a C average in all core classes, I understand my child will be required to return to face-to-face learning in the physical school building for 2nd semester.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents and students will be notified by June 30 whether the application is approved or denied.*