

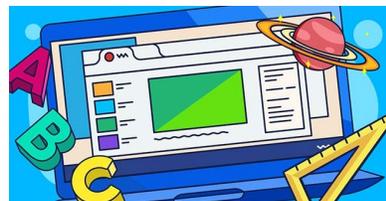
## Madison County Virtual School

Madison County Virtual School is a free educational option for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The web-based curriculum allows students to work online and submit their weekly work as they move through the lessons. Students are provided lesson plans for each day of the school week to ensure they practice the necessary skills to move to the next grade level. Students take a total of six courses at a time, comprised of the four core courses, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies and two additional special area courses.

On average, students in grades Kindergarten-3 will have 20 hours of work to complete per week, and grades 4-12 will have 25 hours per week. There is always a healthy balance between working online and completing offline projects. Students can expect to complete 2-4 assignments per week for each core course taken and about 1 assignment for each specials course.

Upon entering the course, students have access to ALL assignments, but access to tests or quizzes may not be available until certain assignments have been completed. Students move sequentially through the course but may be allowed to occasionally move ahead or test out of certain areas, pending teacher approval. Per state standards, certain assignments must be in the students own writing. Because of this, families must print, scan, and upload multiple completed assignments into their Madison County Virtual Gradebook.

In addition to weekly coursework, students also obtain live instruction from weekly Class Time sessions. Students are required to attend the Class Time live teacher instruction three days per week. Weekly Class Time sessions add additional layers of support and instruction through live interactive lessons, led by your child's teacher. This is a time for students to participate with their teacher and grade-level classmates to gain a deeper understanding about the subject matter being taught. Students enjoy this activity, and it provides collaboration with fellow grade-level classmates while cementing learning for all age levels.



Class Time sessions are live, interactive lessons, allowing students and teachers to gather and work together in an online environment. During lessons, teachers provide individualized instruction and students gain a deeper understanding of the content, engage in activities, and collaborate with their peers. Although Class Time is not required for every program, it is strongly recommended as it is a valuable time to connect with classmates and teachers and get the live instruction your child needs to learn the skills and be successful in elementary.

Madison County Virtual understands the need for flexibility. In the event a student cannot attend a Class Time session, parents may watch the weekly recordings of Class Time and recordings of specific standards for additional support. Please be sure to also connect with the teacher on absences so he/she can offer additional support for missed instruction.

Students can expect to spend about 75 percent of their time working on computer-based activities and the remainder will be spent putting those learned skills into action with hands-on activities. Computer-based activities include attending Class Time, collaborating with classmates, reading, playing games, interactive learning tools, listening to audio clips, and watching videos. Hands-on activities will be handwritten worksheets, coloring and matching worksheets, projects, performing experiments, and other hands-on activities.



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All Madison County Virtual courses have a Pace Chart embedded in them, allowing families to know exactly what is expected to be submitted on a weekly basis. Every graded assessment is recorded in the student's personal Gradebook. Routinely monitoring grades allows parents to see student progress over time. All graded assignments and current overall grade average are available for viewing. Current overall grade average, graded assignments, and teacher feedback are available for viewing at any time.

Report cards are issued for Madison County Virtual students at the end of each semester (half-year). Parents are also able to view weekly progress by checking their student's VSA records as necessary. On a monthly basis, teachers call parents to discuss student progress and they are also available between monthly calls as needed. Teachers frequently meet with students/parents one-on-one to conduct discussion-based assessments (DBAs). DBAs serve as an opportunity for teachers to assess student progress toward individual learning milestones.

Madison County Virtual partners with parents to ensure student success. Parents of elementary-age students are more hands-on and involved in guiding students and assisting with projects or schoolwork that may be completed both on and away from the computer. This on-site supervision and support are critical in the early years, while students in older grades begin to work more independently. Parents are required to monitor their student daily, ensure students are making weekly progress in the course, ensure their student is learning the content, and help their student navigate through the course.

Although Madison County Virtual teachers deliver regular instruction, parents are an integral part in their student's education. Teachers are also available for personalized, one-on-one instruction throughout the week as needed, however younger students may require additional parental supervision and support in course navigation and proceeding through coursework. It is important for the parent to ensure their child is completing his/her own work so teachers know how to provide additional learning support.

Madison County Virtual students must participate in statewide testing. Parents will receive notification of testing dates and sites several weeks before the test. Middle and high school MCVS students are allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities but must meet the FHSAA requirements just like any other student.

Required items for successful participation in MCVS are:

- Dedicated work space
- Proper internet connection
- A computer for each student
- Printer/Scanner or mobile device to capture images of assignments for uploading
- Headphones, microphone, and webcam to participate in Class Time and online discussions

During registration, parents will create your child's Student Account and your Parent/Guardian Account. From approving course requests to monitoring progress, this Parent/Guardian Account allows parents to have a hands-on approach to their child's academic life at Madison County Virtual.

With your Parent/Guardian Account you will have:

- 24-7 online access to submitted and/or graded assignments and your child's grade book
- Extensive access to teachers, including monthly phone calls
- Monthly progress reports emailed to parent emails
- Regular email updates from teachers