



## VIRTUAL SCHOOL FAQs



- 1. What kind of virtual school will Mason County be offering this school year?** Mason County will offer classes in either Mason County Teacher Led Virtual School or WV Virtual School.
- 2. What the difference between the two?** WV Virtual School is offered by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). Students do not attend regular classes; all classes are taught online by teachers hired by the WVDE. Students move at their own pace through the lessons and there is very little interaction between teacher and student. Students must complete all modules to receive credit. Must be self-motivated to get through many difficult lessons. Mason County Teacher Led Virtual School will be taught by Mason County teachers and lessons will closely follow those being taught in the regular classroom. Students will interact with their teachers on a regular basis. Teacher will work with students and parents through Google Classroom or Schoology with video lessons and assignments.
- 3. Do I need the internet to access these types of classes?** Yes, all classes in either the WV Virtual School or Mason County Teacher Led Virtual School will be taught online.
- 4. Does my student need to access the class during the regular school day?** Yes. Attendance will be taken twice per week via online meetings with the teacher. The student will need to be present for at least 75% of the online meeting to be counted as present. Lessons taught in Mason County Teacher Led Virtual School will be recorded for parents who work during the day.
- 5. Is my child eligible for athletics if we choose virtual school?** Yes, as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements.
- 6. Does my student still need immunizations in order to enroll in virtual school?** Yes, all state immunization requirements will still need to be met in order for a student to be enrolled in Mason County or West Virginia Virtual School.
- 7. Is there a cost for either virtual school option?** No. Both options are offered at no cost to families.
- 8. Can my student switch between virtual school and regular in-person learning?** Students can change learning options within the first three weeks of the school year. After the first three weeks, students will be able to change learning options at the end of the 9 weeks.
- 9. Can I enroll my elementary student in virtual school?** Yes, both options are available to student in K-12
- 10. Is virtual school available to my pre-k student?** No, virtual school begins at the kindergarten level per policy
- 11. Can my high school student still graduate if they are enrolled in virtual school?** Yes, as long as all graduation requirements are met.
- 12. How do I register my student for virtual school?** We have an enrollment form available on the Mason County Schools website. Fill this form out and it will be forwarded to your student's school for their information.
- 13. Will my student still have to participate in state testing?** Yes, students in grades 3-8 will still need to take the WV General Summative Assessment, and students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will still need to take the SAT School Day Assessment.
- 14. Can special education students be enrolled in virtual school?** An IEP meeting will need to be held in order to determine how virtual school can best meet your special education student's needs.
- 15. Will school work be graded and grades counted if my student is enrolled in virtual school?** Yes, school work will be graded and, unlike this past spring where grades only counted to raise scores, all scores will be included in your student's grades.