

Virtual Instruction in Mason County Schools – 2021-22 School Year

Mason County Schools is pleased to offer full-time virtual instruction as an alternative for students unable to attend in-person instruction. Please review the information below to determine if full-time virtual instruction is right for your child.

Virtual Instruction Opportunities

- **Grades K-6:** Virtual classes for students in grades K-6 will use curriculum obtained from the West Virginia Virtual School. Online instruction will be provided by a teacher employed by Mason County Schools.
- **Grades 7-12:** Virtual classes for students in grades 7-12 will operate through the West Virginia Virtual School. Classes are not guaranteed to be taught by a Mason County teacher, but a Mason County Schools employee will monitor student progress and facilitate the course.

**Enrolled students taking virtual courses are eligible to participate in activities sponsored by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission.*

Student Eligibility

Students taking virtual courses are enrolled as students in Mason County Schools and must meet specific criteria before being approved for virtual courses.

The following criteria will be considered in approval for virtual classes in the 2021-22 school year:

- Access to consistent daily internet service. (Note: Hotspots are available from Mason County Schools but are dependent on reliable cellular phone service.)
- Previous successful experience with virtual education (academic progress and attendance).
- Documented, fragile medical conditions of the student and/or family members with whom the student lives limiting in-person interaction with others.
- Special education students: Approval from the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) Team which will determine if virtual instruction is an appropriate educational setting.
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (preferred GPA 2.0 or greater) will be considered for secondary students (Grades 7-12).

Virtual Class Transfers

For full-time virtual delivery, students may transfer from virtual instruction to traditional, in-person instruction (or vice versa) up to and including the fifth (5th) instructional day of the current school year. Beginning with the sixth (6th) instructional day of the current school year, students must remain in their selected instructional mode until the end of the academic semester.

More information about virtual learning is found in Mason County Board of Education Policy 2370.01. A registration form for virtual instruction is available on the Mason County Schools website (<https://boe.maso.k12.wv.us/>). Registrations are due August 14, 2021. For more information, contact Dr. Kenny Bond at 304-675-4540.