



Mansfield Independent School District

**K-6 FAQs**

Virtual Option



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**MISD Communication on Virtual Learning ([click here](#))**

### Enrollment, Device, & Lunch Questions

#### **Can I keep my child home until I feel comfortable sending them to school?**

If you are not participating in virtual learning and you don't send your child to in person learning, they will be dropped from enrollment.

#### **Will my child's seat in their current school be saved if I sign up for virtual?**

At the end of the 12 week virtual learning, your student will return to their home campus. However, their schedule and teacher assignment may change.

#### **Is there an option to switch to virtual learning once school starts if COVID-19 cases continue to rise once school starts?**

There will not be an option to switch to virtual learning as staffing and schedules will be in place to ensure the appropriate level of instruction is provided for all students.

#### **Is there an option to switch to in-person learning before the 12 weeks is up?**

Students who choose the virtual option are committed for 12 weeks and will not be allowed to switch to in-person learning.

#### **Why is MISD only offering virtual learning for 12 weeks?**

We believe that virtual learning is an important option for parents who have concerns about sending students who are not eligible to be vaccinated back in person. We have determined that we can use a portion of our Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to offer a 12-week virtual option. Currently, the virtual option will be available to students in kindergarten through sixth grade only (K-6), as they are currently not eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

#### **How will MISD fund a virtual learning option without funding from the state?**

While it is unfortunate that a fully funded virtual learning option is not available at this time from the state, MISD has committed to providing the virtual option to families by using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.

#### **How will virtual students participate in the lunch program?**

Families participating in virtual learning will still have access to our Student Nutrition services. Our student nutrition department will communicate the processes for picking up food once we have our final numbers for virtual learning students.

#### **How can I get an MISD issued device for my child?**

Device distribution will be on August 23rd and 24th at The Center for Performing Arts. More detailed information will be sent by our Technology Department.

Also, we will host a parent/student virtual learning orientation on Aug 24. More details to come.



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### Instructional Questions

#### **Will online classes be taught by MISD teachers with the district curriculum?**

Yes, virtual classes will be taught by MISD teachers and will include both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (self-guided) components.

#### **What type of student can be successful in a virtual learning environment?**

Students who attend class daily and are actively engaged are most likely to be successful in a virtual learning environment. Please understand that a virtual learning environment is not best for every student.

#### **Will students who receive special services, such as special education or Gifted and Talented (GT), be served in an online environment?**

Yes, students who receive special services such as GT, special education, Bilingual/ESL, dyslexia, 504, and other services will be served in the virtual environment.

Parents of students who are eligible for special education services should contact their child's campus to better understand how the virtual learning environment may impact their student's IEP.

#### **How will attendance be taken and will traditional grades be assigned?**

Attendance will be taken daily. Virtual students will follow the grading guidelines in the student handbook.

#### **Will my child be taught by a teacher(s) from their home campus?**

We are currently working through the staffing logistics to provide the virtual option for students in grades K-6. It is important to note that your child's virtual teacher may be from another campus. Furthermore, upon a return to in person learning, it is likely that the teacher and schedule may change.

#### **Will students be in a class with other students from their home campus?**

We are currently working through the staffing logistics to provide the virtual option for students in grades K-6. It is important to note that your child's virtual classmates may be from another campus.

#### **Will my online student be able to participate in extracurricular activities?**

There will be no extracurricular activities offered for virtual students at this time.

#### **What electives will be offered for virtual students?**

Virtual students will be offered some elective options. However, every elective may not be available.

#### **How many kids are in a virtual classroom?**

Virtual classes in grades K-4 will have up to 25 students per class. Virtual classes in grades 5-6 will have up to 35 students per class.



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### Parent/Student Support Questions

#### **What will be expected of virtual students?**

Students will be expected to attend classes synchronously (live) for teacher taught lessons and complete work asynchronously (self-guided).

#### **What will my child need for virtual classes?**

Your child will need access to high-speed internet, and a district issued Chromebook/laptop or iPad, and the Learning Management System (K-2-SeeSaw, 3-6 Canvas). Additional school supply needs will be communicated by your child's teacher.

#### **What parental or guardian support will be needed to support virtual students?**

Parents and guardians will be needed to support their student by ensuring that the student has access to high-speed internet, a Chromebook/laptop, and the Learning Management System (K-2-SeeSaw, 3-6 Canvas). Also, support will be needed to ensure students are engaged in learning (both synchronous and asynchronous) and that students log on daily.

#### **Would my child who attends in person be provided with virtual learning for the days he is at home sick?**

Your child will not be provided with virtual learning during the duration he is at home due to COVID. We would want him/her to get lots of rest to feel better and return to campus feeling well. We will provide your child with opportunities to learn things missed while he/she is out.

### Assessment Questions

#### **Will my child have to come to school to take district wide assessments?**

Yes, virtual students will be expected to come in person to take district wide assessments. This ensures that we have accurate data to meet the individual needs of each student.

### Health & Safety Questions

#### **What are the health and safety protocols for MISD if my child needs to attend school in person for any reason?**

Health and Safety protocols are the same throughout the district. (Please [click here](#) for details.)

#### **Do students and staff wear masks?**

We do not mandate students and/or staff to wear masks. It is encouraged and an option for all.