

Mt. Vernon High School

Virtual Program Handbook

2026-2027

Welcome

The MVHS Virtual Program offers a flexible and personalized learning experience for students who thrive outside the traditional classroom. Virtual coursework, supported by Indiana-certified teachers, allows students to learn independently while balancing academics with other commitments. This flexible approach will enable students to meet high school graduation requirements while also preparing them for success in college, careers, and beyond.

Registration

Students in grades 9 through 12 may apply for the Mt. Vernon Virtual School. **Students who want to be considered must meet with their parent(s) and counselor.**

Students currently enrolled in Mt. Vernon High School who want to transfer to the virtual program must meet with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), school counselor, and a school administrator.

Out-of-district students must apply to MVCSC for acceptance, and returning out-of-district students must reapply to MVCSC and the virtual school each year.

A student may register for the MVHS Virtual School if the following criteria are met:

- Proof of Indiana Residency, and if appropriate, out-of-district transfer approval;
- Reliable internet connection;
- Commitment to attend at least one semester in the virtual school, demonstrating **attendance expectations of no more than 10 unexcused absences in previous semester;**
- **Being on track to graduate prior to participation in the Virtual Program;**
- **Registration completed before or within the first ten days of the semester starting;**
- Student and parent attendance at the required orientation meeting.

A transfer to the virtual program is only **allowed before the beginning of each semester.** The following exceptions to that timeline will be considered:

- Medical documentation provided by the parent indicates that virtual learning is the most appropriate educational setting and in the student's best interest.
- The case conference committee decides that a transition to a virtual environment is in the student's best interest.
- An expulsion examiner/building administrator, in collaboration with the parent/student, may decide that the virtual setting is in the student's best interest.

Enrollment & Eligibility

Students must be either in the virtual program or in person. There is no hybrid program.

Students expelled by MVCSC may be considered for the virtual program to earn credits. However, they will not be permitted to attend MVHS events, participate in athletics, or attend extracurricular activities.

To remain in the virtual program, students must:

- Maintain good academic standing
- Maintain good attendance (fewer than **ten** unexcused absences per semester)
- No disciplinary infractions
- **Come in person for state-mandated testing (when applicable)**
- Continue to make adequate progress toward graduation by earning at least six credits each semester

Students must sign and comply with the MVCSC Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety policy and MVHS student expectations.

Academic Calendar

Learning takes place at home Monday through Friday, in accordance with the MVHS calendar. Students will follow the MVCSC calendar for extended breaks. Families must follow the MVHS testing calendars for state-required in-person testing.

Attendance

Students must follow state, corporation, and school MVHS attendance policies. Students will be designated as Attendance Virtual, or VP, for attendance reporting to the state of Indiana via Skyward. Students must maintain the pacing guidelines suggested by the EdOptions program and their MVHS school counselor. Failure to maintain an acceptable attendance record may result in an attendance conference with parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student facilitated by an MVHS administrator. Ongoing attendance difficulties may result in removal from the MV Virtual School.

EdOptions will determine if a student is present based on seat time, login durations, time on task, attendance in live lessons, and project completion.

Courseware & Learning Platform

Virtual students will earn credits using EdOptions' courseware learning platform through Edmentum. Courses are asynchronous and based on grade-level and Indiana State standards. MVHS counselors will determine student schedules and courses. Students will receive academic support from Edmentum teachers and staff.

Technology, Resources, and Communication

MVHS will utilize ParentSquare to communicate with families. Students must sign and comply with the MVCSC Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety policy. Violations of the policy and of MVHS discipline policies could result in a student's removal from the program and expulsion.

Discipline

Virtual students are considered MVHS students and are held accountable for the same policies and expectations as defined in the Student Handbook.

Grades

Grades can be monitored via the Edmentum platform at any time. Final grades will be entered in Skyward at the end of each grading period. Semester grades will be added to MVHS transcripts. Courses taken through the virtual program will not be weighted and will be added to transcripts based on the MVHS grading scale.

State Testing

Students must participate in District and state-required assessments on-site. State-required assessments must be completed in person and administered by trained, certified MVHS staff. MVHS will collaborate with students, families, and online partners to communicate testing schedules and logistics in a timely manner. Families must follow the MVHS testing calendars for state-required in-person testing. Failure to do so will result in removal from the virtual program.

Graduation Requirements & Diploma

Students meeting Mt. Vernon High School diploma requirements will earn a Mt. Vernon High School diploma. Students meeting graduation requirements may participate in commencement ceremonies.

Extracurricular Participation

Virtual students can attend MV events, such as performances, dances, and sporting events, but they cannot participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, such as clubs and sports. Virtual students who are under a Form 16 may not attend school events or participate in extracurricular activities.

Student Support

Special Education

IEP accommodations will be provided through EdOptions for qualifying students, who will have an MVHS teacher of record.

Multilingual Learners

Students qualifying for multi-language support will receive ILP support through EdOptions. MVHS MLL teachers will serve as case managers for qualifying students.

Section 504

Section 504 accommodations will be provided through EdOptions for qualifying students. MVHS school counselors will serve as 504 case managers.

School Counseling

An MVHS school counselor will support students' academics, mental health, and college and career preparation needs.

For any additional questions, please contact:

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