



Southwest Sullivan School Corporation

K-8 Virtual School Option FAQ

Please keep in mind that this is a very fluid situation and plans may change as the situation changes. If you have further questions please email the Virtual Learning Coordinator, Mrs. Jessica Whitkanack, at JWhitkanack@swest.k12.in.us.

Should I choose virtual for my student?

If you are looking for an option because of COVID-19, virtual is an option. The students will be taught the same curriculum as in-person students.

What happens if my child starts virtually, but we discover it isn't a good fit for my child?

We are asking for a 9 week commitment. You can return to in-person instruction after that commitment. The add/drop deadline is August 21, 2020. If a student finds that the virtual option is not working for them they can return to school before the August 21 deadline.

When will virtual instruction begin?

Virtual classes will begin Monday, August 17th for elementary students and middle school students on Canvas.

Who will be teaching my child?

For the elementary, we have hired certified teachers for the virtual program. Janna Buckley will teach kindergarten and first grade. Courtney Lewis will teach second and third grade. Brady Adams will teach fourth and fifth grades. Current SWAC middle school teachers will teach their core (Math, Language, Science, Social Studies) courses.

How will virtual instruction work?

Students will remain on SWSC curriculum guides and will receive instruction on Canvas. Virtual students will have daily assignments to work on independently, but will also meet virtually with the teacher two days per week for one hour to receive instruction and/or answer any questions. The conferences and video lessons will be recorded for later viewing if you cannot attend at that time. Students can work at their own pace, as little or as much in one day as they prefer. Teachers will make daily connections with students and families about instructional activities. Students will be provided with their textbooks to use at home. Students will receive differentiated instruction based on individual needs.

Does virtual learning cost my family more money?

Students receiving virtual learning will be charged the same book fees as all students.

If my child enrolls in virtual learning, do they work during the school day, or can we work on our own time?

Students will be assigned the content each Monday. They can work at their own pace, but all assignments are due the following Monday. Your child's progress will be monitored by SWSC teachers. Students will be required to check in daily and attend scheduled virtual meetings at the date and time provided by the instructor.

How much will parents/caregivers be involved in helping?

Virtual school requires the dedicated support of an adult for a young child to be successful. The students will be assisted by SWSC teachers, checking in on your student and helping answer questions.

What kinds of instruction will my student experience in virtual learning?

The program engages students with multiple types of content like videos, games, virtual labs, some live and recorded instruction, and class conferences.

Can my child participate in athletics through their home school?

Yes. Your child will be enrolled in their home school and they can play sports within SWSC.

Can my child participate in extracurricular activities through their home school?

Yes, but your participation is subject to principal and teacher approval.

My child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Will they be able to follow their IEP through virtual learning?

Students with IEPs will be supported by their teacher. If your child has an IEP, please contact their teacher of record, school principal, or the Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative to discuss whether the virtual option is a good choice for your child. Your child's IEP will continue, whether in the virtual program or traditional setting.

My child is enrolled in a special education class. Can they be enrolled in virtual learning?

Yes, special education teachers will be working with our virtual teachers and students.

How can I check my student's progress in virtual learning?

You can opt-in for notifications on your student's Canvas account and their grades will be available on Harmony. Assignments and assessments will be graded as they would be if they were completed at school. Students will receive no credit for incomplete or late assignments.

How will my student turn in assignments?

Students are expected to complete their own work on Canvas. Some assignments may utilize additional websites like Pearson Math, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Reading, IXL, ReadWorks, etc. Some items may be graded by the computer and others may be graded by the teacher. Assignments and tests will be posted via Canvas.

What about IREAD and ILEARN?

District required assessments will be administered on site.

What if I have technical difficulties or problems with Canvas?

Questions regarding virtual learning will be addressed through the Virtual Learning Help Desk at HelpDesk@swest.k12.in.us. Middle School questions can also be entered on a Google Form on the school website and will be fielded by core instructors.

What if I have content problems or questions regarding assignments?

Elementary questions can be emailed to your virtual instructor and JWhitkanack@swest.k12.in.us. Middle School questions can be entered on a Google Form on the school website and will be fielded by core instructors.