



Kankakee Valley School Corporation Virtual Learning Option

Kankakee Valley School Corporation is committed to providing a high quality, off-site learning experience for families who are not comfortable having their child on campus this fall as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, an asynchronous virtual program will be available to all K-12 families with dedicated virtual teachers for grades K-5 and grades 6-12 will utilize the Edmentum Plato Courseware. PLATO Courseware is rigorous, relevant, and aligned to state and national standards. Edmentum delivers engaging content that is designed to meet each student at his or her proficiency level through the use of media-rich and interactive active learning experiences.

Those who prefer an off-site virtual model will be committing to a full semester of remote instruction. Parents may also choose to start in-school with an option of moving to the virtual program during the first semester. Students in grades 6-12 that choose to move virtual will begin that program from the start of the course, regardless of when they move to virtual. At the conclusion of the semester, they will have the option to return to on-campus instruction. Please keep in mind that there will be limits to the courses that are offered virtually at the middle and high school level

Parents choosing the virtual option should contact their principals as soon as possible to indicate this choice.

Who will be teaching virtual learning? Will it be the same person it would be if they were on-site? Each K-5 student will be connected to a KVSC teacher. The staffing of the virtual learning program depends on the number of students who enroll in the virtual program in each grade level. There will be two different staffing models implemented. In one model (K-5), a designated virtual teacher will only teach virtual students. In the other model (6-12), students will engage with the online platform and a teacher will check in with them periodically to ensure that they are being successful.

Will the in-person learning be the same as the Virtual option? Students in grades K-5 will have the same curriculum, regardless if on-site or remote. Students in grades 6-12 will be provided instruction in the PLATO Courseware which is aligned to state and national standards. In many courses, the KVSC staff have adjusted the material to align with the in-school course. Students will have the opportunity to reach out to a KVSC staff member for questions and support during the day as well.

What is the curriculum? - The curriculum of the virtual program is driven by the state-standards and will be the same as the "in person" curriculum. It is the instructional delivery that will be different.

Will teachers be teaching students that are on-site and virtual simultaneously? Teachers for the virtual K-5 program will not be teaching a classroom on-site also. Their entire class list will consist of students learning virtually. Students in grades 6-12 will participate in the Edmentum PLATO Courseware program and will be monitored by KVSC staff to ensure success.

Will my child have to log on at a certain time and participate live during the school day? K-5: There will be times during the day that the teacher will conduct live sessions (e.g. 10:00 am, 30 min reading session and 1:00 pm, 30 min math session). Students are encouraged to participate live as much as possible to interact with the teacher and engage with peers online. The sessions will be recorded and available to watch later in the day if needed.

6-12: There will be no live sessions in this platform. Students will use the pacing information to help them stay on track. They may communicate with school personnel if they have questions or need support.

Will the school district provide a device for my student? Yes. KVSC students will be provided a device for virtual learning.

Will my student receive lunch? KVSC Food Service Department is developing a plan to provide meals to students choosing the virtual school option. Where applicable, these meals may require your normal school lunch charges.



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Virtual Learning Option Student/Parent Compact

This learning option is being offered on a temporary basis due to the current public health emergency. Kankakee Valley School Corporation retains the right to discontinue this program in its sole discretion upon at least one-week notice to participating families. Additionally, this option may not be the right fit for some students and the School retains the right to require a student to return to in-person instruction, as more specifically explained below.

- Families who choose to participate in the Virtual Learning option must commit to a full semester.
- Participation in the Virtual Learning option does not make a student eligible for participation in athletic activities/extracurricular activities unless they are offered virtually.
- A student who does not maintain regular attendance as outlined below may be withdrawn from the virtual or remote learning program and required to return to in-person instruction at school at the sole discretion of the School.
- Notice of the School's intent to withdraw a student from the virtual or remote learning program will be provided to parents at least one week in advance.
- A student who is withdrawn from the virtual/remote program will not be permitted to return to the virtual/remote program during the 2020-2021 school year.

Student/Parent Expectations and Responsibilities:

- This option will require a substantial amount of parental engagement.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to monitor and encourage the student through the learning process provided.
- Parent must provide assurances and reliable access to internet connectivity.
- Parents and students must agree to not share or record any videos or resources that are delivered electronically through Google Classroom, Schoology, or Edmentum.
- Students are expected to participate consistently and complete all tasks as directed by the teacher.
- Students will be expected to submit work each week day as assigned.
- Students and parents are encouraged to be proactive in using resources, such as contacting the teacher/staff member for additional instructional support.
- Parents are expected to meet (virtually or in-person) with teachers as needed throughout the school year, as deemed necessary by the teacher or parent.



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Attendance:

- Attendance is based on work completion and timely submission.
- Parents must call-in to report absences the same as if the student was attending school in-person. Absences should be called in or emailed to the school office by 9:00 a.m. each school day. Attendance will be recorded daily.
- A student will be considered chronically absent if s/he has been absent for ten percent (10%) or more of the school year from any reason. A student will be considered habitually truant if s/he has been absent ten (10) or more days within the school year without being excused or without being absent under a parental request that has been filed with the school.

Administrative Withdrawal

- A student may also be withdrawn from the virtual or remote learning program and required to return to in-person instruction at school if the student fails to make adequate academic progress and/or to ensure sufficient engagement in a virtual or remote learning program as determined by the sole discretion of the School.

I, _____ am choosing the Virtual Learning Option for the fall semester of 2020 for my student _____.

I understand that if my student and I do not maintain the above requirements, my student will be asked to attend school in person for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal Approval: _____