



Mineral County Schools Remote Virtual School (RVS)

July 24, 2020

Remote Virtual School is an option for all MCS families choosing to keep students at home to start the 2020-2021 school year. Depending on the age/grade of the student, delivery of instruction will vary based on developmentally appropriate methods.

Our plan is for teachers to be MCS Employees—real teachers keeping connections with our students and families. In some higher-level/unique courses, our teachers may serve as proctors with instruction coming from WV Virtual providers. Teachers will prepare and deliver instruction (live and/or prerecorded), be on-duty, and available to assist students and families via internet and/or phone.

Please know every specific detail is still in development as we learn more about our new learning platform (Schoology), develop staff trainings, and gather much-needed enrollment numbers. Registration is step one, and it greatly helps us plan thereafter.

Some details may be subject to change, in the meantime, we will try to answer the most common questions:

When can we enroll/When does it start?

- Registration for fall 2020 will begin **July 24, 2020 and be open through August 14, 2020**. Go to: tinyurl.com/MINCORVS
- For families who know for certain they will not be sending their students to school in September, it is extremely important for registration to occur as soon as possible to assist with our planning.
- School will begin September 8, 2020 and follow the normal school calendar

What if we don't have a good computer or reliable internet?

- We will have devices available for any student in need of a compatible machine.
- Internet access at home will make RVS easier, but it will not be a necessity with the platform we plan to use. Students would, at minimum, need to get on Wi-Fi a couple times each week for their completed work to upload and for new assignments/lessons to download.
- We are currently placing hotspots on all school campuses and we're also working to add more hotspots throughout our communities to increase accessibility to broadband.

Am I committing to a full year, or can I change my mind?

- Students are enrolled for courses by semester. So a student could be enrolled in a virtual program the first semester and return to the in-person learning at the school where they are enrolled second semester.
- If students would wish to rejoin traditional school after 9 weeks, it will be permitted *if* appropriate conditions, staffing, and scheduling exist.

How many people will I have to communicate with?

- PK-6 students will be assigned one teacher/facilitator
- 7-12 students will be assigned to one primary teacher/facilitator, and will interact with other staff depending on the courses/subjects. High school students will be registered for 4 courses per semester and have one facilitator for each course

Can my child still play sports for their high school?

- Students who are enrolled in virtual coursework through MCS and meet all WVSSAC guidelines are eligible to participate in sports in their respective school.

I have a child with special needs, can he/she be accommodated?

- Students with special needs may also be serviced by virtual programming. An IEP/504 committee must be convened to develop an appropriate IEP for RVS delivery.

Will they still get regular report cards and course credits?

- Yes, student grading will mirror traditional timelines and grading scales.
- Students with passing grades in HS courses will receive graduation credit toward a normal Mineral County diploma.

What if I want to see the County re-entry plan first?

- Our re-entry plan will be shared the week of August 3rd and you'll still have time to register.