

Marion County Virtual Academy (MCVA)



PURPOSE

The purpose of Marion County Virtual Academy (MCVA) is to provide students in grades 7-12 the option to complete a program of courses designed to lead to graduation and receipt of a diploma through an online, virtual platform. Each course will follow the Course of Study developed by the Alabama Department of Education and meet the standards established by the State Board of Education.

Virtual schooling offers students many benefits as they relate to time flexibility and program customization; however, the virtual curriculum is rigorous and requires that students be highly motivated and self-disciplined. By selecting the virtual option, students assume increased responsibility in personal time management, organization, self-direction, and personal discipline to complete the course and school requirements.

Student Eligibility Requirements

Marion County Virtual Academy (MCVA) will be open for enrollment for students in grades 7-12. Prospective students must meet the following requirements to be admitted to MCVA:

- Reside within one of the five school zones served by the Marion County Board of Education.
- Have consistent, reliable daily access to the Internet at their home.
- Have a computer or Chromebook to access the Internet and complete course assignments.
- Have a positive attendance record for the previous school year and the first part of the current school year (if applying after the 1st day of school).
- Must be on track to graduate on time (meaning that the student has not failed more than one or two classes and has the credits needed to be considered a student at appropriate grade level).

General Requirements of the Virtual Learning Program

If admission to MCVA is approved, students will be expected to:

- Attend and participate in two orientation sessions prior to the beginning of the school year.
- Submit to a home-visit from MCVA Administrators in order to confirm the presence of an adequate at-home learning environment.
- Maintain consistent, reliable daily access to the Internet and a computer/Chromebook at their home.
- Provide own transportation to base school for all district and state mandated assessments.
- Report to school for advisement sessions, nine-weeks testing and state testing as scheduled.
- Maintain a passing grade in each course taken at MCVA, determined by nine-weeks grades.
- Maintain a record of progress consistent with the pacing and attendance guidelines developed for each course, or as developed by MCVA administration.

All students must re-apply for acceptance in the program each year. Participation may be denied or revoked if the Virtual School Review Team determines that participation would be detrimental to the student's academic progress.

APPLICATION DEADLINES for 2021-2022 =

1 st Nine-Weeks =	Thursday, July 15 th
2 nd Nine-Weeks =	Friday, October 8 th
3 rd Nine-Weeks =	Friday, December 10 th
4 th Nine-Weeks =	Friday, March 4 th

Admission decisions will be made within two (2) weeks of the application deadline. A decision letter will be mailed to the email listed on this application, as well as the student's @mcbe-k12.net email address. Please monitor these email accounts for your student's decision letter.

Marion County Virtual Academy

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APPLICATION

Student Information

Full Name (First, MI, Last)	Date of Birth
Address	
Base School	Grade

Parent/Guardian Information

Name	Relationship
Email	Phone

Student Connectivity

(check all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop or Desktop Computer | <input type="checkbox"/> Wireless Hotspot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tablet or Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> High-Speed Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chromebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Does the student have an IEP or 504 plan currently in place? YES NO

If so, who is your case manager?

Does the student have a pending discipline issue at his/her base school? YES NO

If so, please explain:

Was the student previously enrolled in MCVA or another virtual program? YES NO

Reasons for student request to be a full-time virtual student: _____

I understand the opportunities afforded my child by enrollment in the Marion County Virtual Academy. By my signature below, I consent to his/her application and agree to the responsibilities (as detailed on page 1) on my part if enrollment is approved.

Date	Parent Signature
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