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On July 16th the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) announced that students and families must be given the choice for in-person classes or online classes for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

In cooperation with more than a dozen school districts, *Waconia Public Schools* will offer a fully online enrollment option for K-12 families, while maintaining a place for you in your school.

This collaborative program called the **Southwest Metro e-Learning Enterprise (SEE)** will be available throughout the year, offering full-time and part-time curriculum with “live” online teaching of MDE approved courses for all grades K through 12. SWMetro has been offering online courses for more than a decade.

Students will attend school online each day and work with teachers to complete learning activities in real time by video conferencing and private tutorial. Both teacher-guided and independent assignments will mirror the same concepts and curriculum as in-school counterparts; however, the delivery is adapted to help students succeed in an online environment.

FIRST STEPS

- A student must be currently enrolled as a student in Waconia Public Schools.
- [Formally enroll](#) in ONE10 before completing the separate online registration.
- [Register for virtual school](#)
 - Elementary (k-5), Middle (6-8), High School (9-12)
 - Enrollment in the *SEE Virtual Schools* is a minimum one semester commitment.

Highlights of SWMetro e-learning supports

- ✓ Taught by licensed teachers.
- ✓ Aligned with curriculum and Minnesota state standards.
- ✓ Learning models including “live” virtual classrooms using video, chat and other real-time interface
- ✓ Whole class and small group collaborative learning coinciding with individual instruction will be
- ✓ Combined with Independent self-paced teacher-supported learning.
- ✓ Designed to meet the same high level academic rigor present in traditional school.
- ✓ Students are eligible to participate in your home district athletics and other activities.
- ✓ Free lunches are available through your home district
- ✓ Special education needs will be met in partnership with the home district



Student Devices

- District policies vary—some provide Chromebooks, some iPads, some encourage you to use your own devices.



Feedback

- Lessons and assignments designed to give students smaller, more regular targeted feedback.



Daily Class Hours

- All classes will have regular class hours for “live” instruction or tutorial assistance.



Student-to-Student Virtual Interaction

- Daily interaction between peers and instructors. For example, morning meetings at the elementary school.



Online Help

Technical support during school hours both online and by phone is available from your home district and from SEE

SUCCEEDING IN THE *SEE VIRTUAL SCHOOLS*

STUDENT SKILLS

- Capable of submitting assignments and completing course requirements on the provided device
 - If assistive technology is needed for a student, please advise the district
- Able and willing to seek assistance when needed

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students will be expected to engage daily in virtual courses in real-time and to participate in class discussions and respond to communications of the teacher.
- Students will be required to submit all work based on timelines outlined by the teacher.
- Just as in any regular class, students should expect some “homework” assignments, that is, tasks to complete outside of regular classroom hours.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- Ensure their student(s) has the necessary equipment and internet access to participate.
- Ensure their student(s) follows their assigned schedule each day.
- Encourage their student(s) to seek help when stuck or frustrated.
- Communicate academic concerns with instructors as needed.
- Ensure all tests and work intended to be completed independently is completed by their student.
- Stay informed of all course requirements and deadlines.

AT-HOME AND TECHNOLOGY

- Students will use a device and other necessary learning materials provided by the district.
- SEE and the home district will provide technical support online and by phone
- Families without internet access can request a Wi-Fi hotspot from their home district to use for online learning.
- We do NOT provide home printers, ink, etc. for students who choose to participate in virtual schools..

ATTENDANCE & COURSE COMPLETION

- Students are expected to engage daily and teachers will be recording daily attendance.
- Students must actively participate in their virtual courses with the goal of completing the courses .
- Virtual students are expected to complete all course requirements in the time allotted for the course.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- We will watch for individual difficulties and intervene when necessary
- We will offer assistance to students struggling with online academics, including providing paper copies of assignments when feasible
- We will team with the district, parents, partners and all concerned to make your student successful