



MAPS JK-5 Virtual Academy

Program Overview

MAPS JK-5 Virtual Academy understands that every student is unique and so are their learning needs! MAPS is pleased to offer an online option for students and families that is dynamic, flexible, and engaging, delivered by highly qualified MAPS teachers and support staff.

Our JK-5 Virtual Academy will provide a rigorous and robust online learning program for students in junior kindergarten through fifth grade. Unlike this past spring when the State of Michigan did not mandate students attend online learning and Districts were forbidden from granting credit or grades, the State is now requiring compulsory attendance for 180 school days. MAPS will be issuing credit and grade advancement for satisfactory completion of online programs. Teachers will track student participation; monitor student wellness; grade assignments, homework and quizzes; provide feedback on student work; differentiate instruction; communicate through virtual platforms and issue report cards at all levels two times per year for all online students.

MAPS Virtual Academy (Grades JK-5):

Virtual Classrooms:

- Courses are taught by highly qualified MAPS teachers.
 - Students receive instruction and support from their MAPS teachers.
 - Teachers receive specialized training in online learning to ensure all students maximize their educational growth and progress.
 - MAPS Online teachers will use BLOOMZ as their messaging platform (JK-5).
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- Students are assigned to virtual classrooms and teachers much like they would be for face-to-face instruction. This allows cohorting, an important aspect of MAPS JK-5 Virtual Academy.
- Curriculum and instruction are based on national and state standards delivered through a robust online learning system provided by Google Classroom, Seesaw, Moby Max and other platforms.
- Virtual classrooms will follow the same scope and sequence as face-to-face classrooms.
- Virtual classroom curriculum is based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

Flexibility:

- Students have the ability to work on classwork from home much like they would for face-to-face instruction.
- Virtual academy students have access to individualized learning opportunities and support.
- Paper packets may be used by teachers and provided to students as needed.
- Our virtual learning platform provides 24/7 access to online resources and gives students, teachers, and guardians access to academic progress and grades.

Learning Supports:

- Built-in accommodations provided such as text to speech for students and additional time to complete assignments.
- Students have a variety of communication options available to them to receive help, including phone calls, emails, messaging within the online system, and virtual meeting time with teachers.
- Students with IEP's, 504's and other learning plans will be provided accommodations for their virtual learning. Ancillary services will be provided to the extent staff as limited by CDC guidelines. Services such as OT, PT and speech may happen virtually if appropriate.
- Administrative support will be provided to MAPS JK-5 Virtual students and families.

Technology:

- Chromebook and necessary materials supplied to students.
- Hotspots/internet access will be made available at MAPS school locations.
- Local tech support available to students, parents and guardians.

Stay Connected to your MAPS Community:

- Access to MAPS teachers, administrators, and support staff.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Participate in specials (including art, physical education, music, etc.).

For more information on the MAPS JK-5 Virtual Academy contact your elementary building principal.