THE CONTINUUM OF MCPS DIGITAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

	Interim Instructional Services (IIS)	Montgomery Virtual Academy (MVA)	Online Pathways to Graduation (OPTG)
Grade Levels	K-12	1-12	9-12
Eligibility Requirements	Physical or Emotional condition preventing the student from accessing instruction at their school of enrollment as certified by an authorized health provider	Preference for a virtual instruction model; applications, interfaces, and methods of communication that are unique to the virtual environment	High School Students
Designation	Service	Instructional Program	Program
Staff	TPTs (substitutes), 10 month teachers	MCPS Teachers	MCPS Teachers
Application Process	Must apply every 60 days with a medical form signed by an appropriate medical provider	ParentVUE application; MCPS Choice Special Programs process	Counselors register students; session 1 registration runs from 9/6 through 11/4 and session 2 1/17 through 3/17
Extent of Instructional Services	*Temporary* services for up to 60 calendar days per application during interruption to in-person availability	Full school-year commitment; program access annually through MCPS Choice Special Programs process	Students with a full school-day schedule can take two courses at a time in OPTG; exceptions can be made for students with abbreviated in-school schedules
Hours of Instruction	Typically six (6) hours of instruction per week	Five (5) days per week, full school day	Synchronous courses and support take place between 4 pm and 8:30 PM, Monday through Thursday
Course Offerings	**ES:** Instructional focus is on literacy and math only **HS:** Core subjects only (English/LA, math, science, social studies). *Cannot provide instruction for AP/IBDP/Magnet*	**ES:** All elementary subjects including specials **Secondary:** All core subjects and many electives & specialized courses. Limitations to highly specialized courses	Core high school courses required for graduation at both on-level and honors; limited AP and elective course offerings

	courses, foreign languages, electives, Foundations of Tech, program courses, etc.	and programming.	
Curriculum	MCPS Curriculum	MCPS Curriculum	Third party vendor for most courses; custom courses match MCPS curriculum
Learning Management System/ Learning Platform	Canvas Edmentum None	Canvas, Zoom	Edmentum
Delivery Method	Varies by application; Virtual classroom instruction (expectation of synchronous and asynchronous work) is the default for secondary courses. Elementary students and students who are unsuccessful with the virtual classroom receive either virtual one-on-one or in-person one-on-one instruction.	Live, synchronous instruction, five days per week	Required 1 hour synchronous meetings weekly for each course; additional optional synchronous support; majority of the work is asynchronous
Grading	School-based classroom teacher(s) review assignments and grades submitted by IIS teachers. School of enrollment determines MP grade.	Ongoing assessments resulting in a final grade per marking period parallel to MCPS in-person grading practices. MVA teacher responsible for grading.	Some assignments are computer graded, others are teacher graded. Students receive grades of A-D in alignments with MCPS grading process. Students who do not earn credit receive NG.
Assessment	Students make arrangements with school of enrollment for State assessments.	Students complete all classroom, district, and external/state assessments. Most state assessments are completed in-person.	Students complete classroom assessments. State assessments are not offered.

Delivery of IEP Services & Accommodations	As appropriate for the goals and mode of instruction. Related services determined by provider. Students with disabilities and a documented emotional condition limited to 60 consecutive school days.	Full implementation of IEP including related services (OT/PT/Speech)	Classroom-based accommodations provided.
Student Socialization	1:1 or small group Limited peer-to-peer interaction	Daily whole class and small group peer-to-peer interaction	Required synchronous instruction weekly