WISE Academy

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Welcome to WISE Academy! WISE Academy is a virtual charter school that offers students the option to learn in a self-paced environment and allows them to customize their education. This option is a great solution for families who want to be totally involved in all aspects of their child(ren)'s education. Additionally, students have the support and resources of the district administration, teaching staff, counseling staff, and pupil services.

Vision: Our vision is to empower students to become lifelong learners by guiding them to take ownership of their own learning.

Mission: Our mission is to provide individualized learning options for students. Through the process of collaboration, authentic learning that honors a student's interests and needs is accomplished through coursework and projects.

Home-Based Learning: WISE Academy provides learning and instruction to students in their homes with a curriculum that is based on personalized learning plans. This may be accomplished through project-based and/or traditional curricula. Online courses and/or providers are also available for families to utilize in grades Pre-K through 12.

Goals and Outcomes: Student goals are created and assessed based on their Individualized Learning plan and connected with personal and academic needs. Resources are available to support students when taking the required state and district assessments.

Flexible Scheduling: WISE Academy works with parents to guide their students' education and provides them the freedom to study at their preferred pace, time, and place.

District Resources and Support: Families and students have support from teachers and other staff, including access to the school library and coordinated field trips.

Support with Assessments and Progress Monitoring: Students use IXL for Reading and Math benchmark assessments and progress monitoring activities. State assessments are given to students: grades 4K-3 will take aimswebPlus - Act 20 early reading screeners, while Grades 3-8, and 10 will participate in the Forward exam. The ACT is administered to students in 11th grade.

Networking: Families can connect with others through coordinated field experiences and online zoom-style learning days. Local students also have the ability to collaborate in multi-school projects and experiences, pending availability in the brick-and-mortar school.

Summary of Roles

WISE Academy Staff Role - Teacher:

- Provide learning resources and work with families and students to monitor progress towards learning plan goals
- Provide monitoring assessments and prescribe activities per the goals in student learning plans
- Communicate regularly and deliver important dates and information to families
- Curriculum development and attainment to support the student learning plan
- Provide opportunities for field trips and other coordinated activities

Parent or Guardian

- Work with District staff to match curriculum with student learning plans
- Actively participate in your child's learning as an educational coach, help students stay on track, and advocate for student learning needs
- Communicate with the district regularly and participate in assessments, surveys and check-ins.

Student Role

- Be an active participant by creating and following a personal learning plan to reach academic and social goals
- Advocate for your learning by reaching out to your supports at home or WISE Academy staff when you need help
- Treat learning as a process of development - there will be challenges - have a plan for how you will address difficulties and celebrate successes!

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