

What is Option B?

Option B is an online, fully remote, education program that is part of the Mountain View Los Altos Unified High School District. Students who opt-in to Option B in the 21-22 school year still remain enrolled in their school of residence. Students in Option B are able to participate in graduation ceremonies and other extracurricular activities at their school of residence and transcripts will reflect that they have taken the courses and graduated from “Edgenuity Online Curriculum”. One important difference between the Option B classes and teachers are through the online Education program Edgenuity not with MVHS or LAHS teachers.

Format

The format of the Option B is entirely distance learning. The curriculum will be provided through either the Edgenuity learning platform. We will use their teachers, who are CA credentialed to provide the curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Option B students will be assigned to an MVLA Mentor Teacher, who will check in with students weekly via email and zoom to ensure the students are getting the clarification, guidance, and support they need.

Curriculum & Instruction

Courses in Option B adhere to common core and A-G standards. The lessons and curriculum are delivered asynchronously. The Edgenuity platform provides us with the LMS in which their lessons are delivered as well as the grades and progress monitoring. It is suggested that a student spend 5-6 hours a day (Monday - Friday) working in their Option B classes. Depending on the class, it takes about 50-70 hours to complete (which spread across the semester is about 5 hours a week for a class).

Student and Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

A flexible learning format and environment work very well for some students. An option that is differentiated and offers a different experience than the comprehensive school sites is just what is needed for others. However, Option B will require a different commitment from students and families. While the program itself has built-in progress monitoring and many supports for students who may struggle it is still very important for families to remain engaged in understanding the learning process. Option B requires the student to be self-disciplined and self-motivated to go online and work in their classes each day on their own.

Enrollment

Families are encouraged to enroll in a full schedule consisting of 5-6 classes working towards their interests and meeting graduation requirements.

Additionally, like any other eligible student. Option B students may concurrently enroll at Foothill or De Anza to take additional courses of interest to them that are not offered through Option B or our comprehensive high schools. Students are required to follow our practices (no more than 11.5 credits

can be taken at the community college and students may not classes that they are required to have as a graduation credit (e.g. US History, English, civics, etc).

Students are committed to staying in Option B for the full semester.

Counseling and Social-Emotional Support

Students will continue to have access to their school counselor and a support counselor while they are enrolled in Option B. Students will continue to receive opportunities to learn about colleges and other post-secondary options.

Student Life

Students in Option B are encouraged to still participate in extracurriculars and activities. It is important that our students remain connected to their peers and mentors. To this end, students in Option B may participate in clubs, extracurriculars, and sports at their school of residence, when deemed safe for those activities to resume.

Students with an IEP or 504 plan

Since Option B is an optional program, students in special education who request Option B will need to have an addendum to their IEP. The IEP case manager or site administrator can help to determine how IEP services will be supported while in Option B.

Students with a 504 plan may have their accommodations met in the Option B without any changes to their 504 plan. Again, a discussion with the site 504 coordinators may be needed to outline how a 504 plan will be implemented while in Option B.

Length of the Option B program

Option B runs the same length as a semester at MVLA. However students will be transitioned back to their site high school if engagement in their classes is not sustained every week.

Mentor Teacher

Option B students are assigned to an MVLA teacher who will be their 'mentor teacher.' The mentor teacher is not to support them with content/subject questions, but to help them learn how to find the help they need in their classes, help monitor and encourage their progress in their classes, build a trusting relationship with the student, and support their independent study skills.

Option A / Option B Side-By-Side Comparison

	Option A (MVHS & LAHS)	Option B
Teacher	MVLA Credentialed Teacher for each course the students is enrolled	Edgenuity teacher
Schedule	MVLA set class schedule	No set weekly class schedule. Is more independent paced yet guided and supported by the mentor teacher
Curriculum	MVLA standards-based course team/teacher created and curated designed curriculum. A-G approved	Online learning platforms provided solely by the content-provider. (Edgenuity classes will be A-G approved. AP and honors options will be available.
Grades	Letter grades	Letter grades
Attendance	Daily attendance recorded by MVLA teacher in Aeries	Attendance is tracked by the number of minutes a student is engaged in their online classes. Engagement every week is required
Gradebook	Aeries	By Edgenuity (grades transferred at semester).
Pacing	The pace of the class is set by the MVLA teacher	Self-pacing.
Extra-curricular	Has access to extracurricular, clubs, etc (online and when safe in-person) and encouraged to participate	Has access to extracurricular, clubs, etc (online and when safe and when they feel it is safe for them, in-person) and encouraged to participate
Support	Access to tutorial center, teachers, school counselor, mental health support, SEL modules	Access to tutorial center, school counselor, mental health support, SEL modules
Teacher	MVLA Credentialed Teacher for each course the students is enrolled	Edgenuity teacher. An MVLA Teacher is assigned as a mentor.