



## 2021-2022 MERRITT VIRTUAL ACADEMY AGREEMENT

The Merritt Virtual Academy (MVA) is a means to offer students an opportunity to participate in online learning provided by the district. MVA participants may attend all courses through online learning or participate in a combination of online and traditional courses. Because online learning represents a non-traditional learning experience there are certain expectations for students enrolling in this academy. This agreement is intended to present to students and their parents the standards expected for enrollment in MVA.

### **While attending, student will:**

- Maintain regular attendance so that sufficient credits are completed, which will be evaluated daily.
- Respect my classmates, teachers, staff, and the building.
- Use the computers and Internet in an acceptable manner and sign and follow *Merritt Technology agreement*.
- Read/Agree to follow the *Merritt Student Handbook* and follow school policies.
- Comply with requests of teachers and staff of Merritt Schools at all times.
- Complete a minimum of 3 credits per semester totalling 6 per school year.
- ***Be aware that the number of hours required to complete virtual courses is similar to the number of hours required in traditional courses (Approx 5-6 hours per day.)***
- Keep in contact with instructors as specified in all course expectations, guidelines, and/or rules.
- Keep scheduled times for testing and tutoring.
- Attend classes on campus when required by the classroom teacher.
- Use appropriate language and message content at all times
- Will notify the school promptly when experiencing any problems.
- Provide own internet connection.
- Participate in Zoom or other “live” video conferences as scheduled.
- Communicate a minimum of once a week with assigned on-site contact.

### **During all school activities, including classes, I will not:**

- Use, possess, or be under the influence of drugs/alcohol
- Use violence or threats of violence.
- Possess any type of weapon.
- Use profanity (cursing).
- Prevent others from making educational progress.
- Wear clothing that school personnel consider inappropriate. (*If asked to change I will.*)
- Will not cause distractions during video conferencing.
- ***Copy or share any videos or work provided (includes instructional videos of teachers)***

### **Consequences:**

- When a guideline has been violated, student and parent will be notified and if warranted,

disciplinary action will follow.

- Potential for probation, disciplinary sanctions and/or dismissal from the MVA program if the administration feels you are in violation of any of the stated rules or regulations.

Staff meetings will be held to discuss attendance, credits earned, work ethic and student's compliance with the agreement. Continued placement in MVA is determined on student behavior and progress.

All students are open for re-admission to Merritt Public Schools despite time spent in the MVA.

Additional conditions if any: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student**

I understand that Merritt Virtual Academy is a school of choice, my placement and continued placement is based on complying with this contract. I agree to abide by the above contract to attend the Merritt Virtual Academy (MVA):

**Name (printed)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent**

I understand that Merritt Virtual Academy is a school of choice, my child's placement and continued placement is based on complying with this contract. I do hereby hold my student accountable for his or her participation in the MVA program. As a parent/or guardian, I agree to attend any discussions or meetings that I am to attend.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian/Parent initial your choice:**

I will allow my student to be taken off campus for school sanctioned trips \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

I will allow my students name, photo or videotaped image for public purposes \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

I understand the school is not responsible for anything lost or stolen \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

I will allow my student to open campus access and release Merritt Public Schools from any responsibility or liability for an accident or injury that may occur when they leave \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**Student initial your choice:**

After age 18: I give permission for school officials to make contact with my parent/guardian. (sign & date)

**Yes -** \_\_\_\_\_ **No -** \_\_\_\_\_