



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What grades does Somerset Virtual Program serve?

6th through 12th grade.

Do you have to be a Somerset School District student to participate?

No. Non-resident students are welcome to enroll into the Somerset School District and at that time they are eligible to participate in our virtual program.

What courses are offered?

6-12 students generally take English/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, Social Studies and their choices of 2 electives per year.

Can a student be in the virtual learning program part-time?

No. This pathway is for Somerset District students/families who want a 100% online school experience.

What is the attendance policy for the virtual learning program?

Attendance in online learning is performance-based. It is measured not only by logging into the course(s), but by successful submission of completed coursework, participation in course activities such as threaded discussions, communication with the online instructor and following the timeline for completion of the course.

Are the teachers Somerset teachers?

Yes! Curriculum will be provided by Edgenuity and our very own Somerset teachers will be facilitating coursework. Meetings can be scheduled with teachers in person but must be done in advance.

Is the content taught via virtual learning the same as what is taught in the Somerset schools?

The curriculum and standards are generally the same. However, the way they are taught and assessed are not the same.

Will high school virtual learning students earn a Somerset High School Diploma?

Yes! Students who attend and successfully complete virtual learning courses may earn credits toward a Somerset High School Diploma.

Can virtual learning students take elective courses at the schools?

Yes! But students will be limited to Advanced Placement (AP) courses, College in the Schools (CIS) courses, band, and/or choir.

Can virtual learning students be part of middle and high school clubs?

Yes! However, their family must provide transportation.

Can virtual learning students participate in middle and high school sports and activities?

Yes!

Can a student easily transfer back to the Face to Face pathway during the year?

Students who enroll in virtual learning should plan to complete each semester they are enrolled in. However, it is required that students remain in the virtual program for at least 20 school days. Should a student need to transfer back to in-person learning after 20 school days, they will be able to do so. Once returning to in-person learning, a student must remain in-person for the remainder of the school year.

Do I have to provide my own computer/device?

No! The District will supply a Chromebook.

Do I need to provide internet access?

Yes! Families are responsible for internet access, so their student can log in and appropriately access all learning materials.

Will students in virtual learning have to take state assessments?

Yes! We expect students in grades 6-11 need to complete all state-required assessments. For most virtual students, these assessments will be taken on the Somerset School District campus. We will arrange a convenient testing site in collaboration with the families for open enrolled students who are out of a reasonable driving radius from Somerset.

Are the virtual learning graduation requirements the same as Somerset High School?

Yes! Somerset High School students are required to complete 24 credits.

Does it cost anything for families?

No! Any costs associated with our Virtual Learning program are paid for by the Somerset School District.

Is virtual learning right for my student and me?

Parents/Guardians play a key role in helping their student(s) be successful throughout the process of learning. The advantages of virtual learning include flexibility and convenience. However, virtual learning has challenges. This style requires just as much, if not more, time and energy as traditional in-school learning. Virtual learning transfers much of the responsibility of learning to the student and parent/guardian. That is, students will need to be self-motivated, have time management skills, and strong communication skills in order to be successful.

What virtual learning is NOT:

Virtual learning is not meant to be used for short-term absences from school. Rather it should be a commitment of at least one semester or longer.

Student Expectations

Students can expect to spend as many hours completing a virtual course as they would in a traditional school setting.

Minimally, students should plan to spend 1 hour per day on each semester-long course. The status of the student will be periodically evaluated by a Somerset School District staff member based on individual performance, learning needs, and available resources.

Parent Expectations

Virtual learning is as different for parents as much as it is for students. In order to ensure your student is successful, you will need to take on an active role in your child's learning. This includes everything from the supervision of young learners, technical support for operating the program, as well as collaborating and communicating with virtual teachers to help ensure that your child is understanding the concepts being taught.