

MODESTO VIRTUAL ACADEMY/DISTANCE LEARNING FAQ

Question	MVA	Distance Learning
What is the curriculum used?	California standards based, online designed curriculum purchased through Florida Virtual School, approved by the Modesto City Schools Board	California standards based curriculum typically used for classroom direct instruction, adopted by the Modesto City Schools Board
Who teaches/facilitates the classes?	Modesto City Schools teachers facilitate the learning process through once a week meetings	Modesto City Schools teachers teach the class content
Does my student meet with the teacher every day?	No, this is independent study. The parent and student will work through the curriculum together and meet with the teacher once a week for an hour. Work completed will be reviewed by the teacher during the once a week meeting to determine completeness. This one hour a week will be mandatory for both student and teacher.	Students will have daily interaction with teachers through a virtual platform at specific times. Attendance will be mandatory for both student and teacher.
What does the day look like for my student?	Students will receive assignments from the teacher during the once a week meeting (either virtually or in person). The student will be expected to complete the assignments by the next weeks appointment. Appointments are set for a specific time and day for the entire semester.	Students will log in daily at specific times and engage in a virtual classroom with other students. The classes taught are through virtual direct instruction. The daily schedule has not yet been confirmed. More information will be forthcoming.
When can/will my student shift to in person learning?	Parents can explore the option of switching to in person learning (or distance learning if schools are not open) at the trimester (TK-6) or semester (7-12). If the choice is made to switch to in person learning, a shift back to MVA will not be an option.	Modesto City Schools will follow the guidance of the State as to when we will re-open schools.
Will my student lose his/her spot in a specialized program? Fremont Open Plan, GATE, Dual Language Academy, IB program	No, your student's spot will be maintained. Due to the curriculum being designed for online learning, the specialized curriculum and delivery systems of FOP, GATE, DLA, and IB are not designed to be delivered through this platform.	Students will continue to access the specialized programs, and engage with the teachers and curriculum designed for these programs.
Can my student participate in Leadership, AG, Music, or specialized classes at the high school or junior high site?	Efforts will be made to accommodate these requests. All extra-curricular activities that are available at the school site are available for your student as well. Your student is still identified as a student of your home site.	The classes will be part of your student's scheduled.

MODESTO VIRTUAL ACADEMY/DISTANCE LEARNING FAQ

Will my student have access to nutrition services?	Yes	Yes
Will my student receive a device? What about Wifi?	Yes. If your student does not have a District-issued device, arrangements will be made for him/her to pick the device up at the school of residence. You will receive this information shortly. Wifi will be made available for all students.	Yes. If your student does not have a District-issued device, arrangements will be made for him/her to pick the device up at the school of residence. You will receive this information shortly. Wifi will be available for all students.
Will my student be eligible to attend a four year college or university? (A-G approved)	Yes. The courses taught in MVA are A-G approved, including the lab sciences.	Yes. The courses in distance learning are the same as in person learning.
Will we have access to the teacher to discuss concerns?	The once-a-week meeting can be attended with the student, so parents/guardians can review progress. In addition, if there are concerns, teachers are available by email.	Teachers are available through email, phone or a scheduled appointment.
What if my student needs extra help?	This is an independent study model. Resources will be made available, but this program is designed for a student that is an independent and motivated learner. Parent involvement is crucial to the success of the student.	Teachers assigned to your student will provide the same level of support and guidance they do in the school building setting.
What if my child has an IEP?	Any student receiving special ed services will require an IEP meeting prior to the referral being made. This meeting will allow for the IEP team to determine if independent study is an appropriate placement for your student. These meetings will take place AFTER the start of the school year. Parents will be contacted by the site staff to schedule the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time. Your student will start on the distance learning model and be switched after the change of placement IEP determines a change of placement is appropriate.	Your student's IEP will stay the same.