

August 4th, 2021

Dear Marauder Families,

As we progress in planning for the new school year, it is important that you communicate with the District on your plans for the fall. While the majority of students appear to be returning for in-person instruction, we have had a few requests for online instruction.

Thus, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools **will offer online instruction through a third-party vendor**, much like we did the second semester at the High School last year. This opportunity is available for all students (K-12), but it is critical that you notify your building principal immediately if you desire this option.

Below is a brief **Q & A** to help guide you through the decision-making process.

Yours in Education,



Dr. Ryan L. Cunningham, Superintendent, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

1) Has Ovid-Elsie Area Schools changed its position on masks?

- a) No. Masks will continue to be optional for all stakeholders; they will only be required on school transportation. Everyone is encouraged to make the best decision that they can for their family and their situation.

2) If I choose an online option for my child(ren), what will that look like?

- a) Ovid-Elsie Area Schools will partner with [Ed Options Academy](#) to provide your child(ren) with learning opportunities including all curriculum materials and the teacher of record.
 - i) Ed Options Academy provides synchronous and asynchronous learning including flexible live sessions with a certified teacher.
- b) Accelus may be used in certain situations, for example, credit recovery.

3) Will my child(ren) be taught by an Ovid-Elsie teacher?

- a) No. Ed Options will provide all curriculum materials, instruction and the teacher of record. They will also provide several orientations for students and parents to utilize to familiarize themselves with this program.
- b) Ovid-Elsie Area Schools will provide a mentor for online students through the District's Alternative Education program. Mrs. Dawn Levey will be the direct contact person for those students who choose to remain online, K-12.

4) Will my child(ren) be allowed to utilize school transportation if needed?

- a) Yes. All students are eligible for school transportation as long as they adhere to the federally mandated mask requirement while on public transportation.
- b) The District will offer a learning lab at the Alternative Education site.

5) Is there any cost associated with placing my child(ren) in an online program?

- a) No. The District is responsible for any costs associated with placing your child(ren) in an online program. Online students will also be allowed to check out a device through our Technology Department.

6) Will my child(ren) be eligible for Special Education services?

- a) Yes. The District is still required to offer these services based on the student's IEP.

7) Will my child(ren) be eligible for extracurricular activities and athletics?

- a) No. Students who are enrolled through our District Alternative Education program are not eligible for extracurricular activities at the secondary level.
 - i) This includes, but is not limited to, Band, Athletics, FFA, Robotics, NHS, NAHS, Student Council, etc. Further, students will not be allowed to participate in school-sponsored dances unless invited by an eligible student and approved by the building principal.
- b) Certain exemptions may be made by the building principal for students who may require additional support related to a specific disability.

8) Will online students be allowed to participate in dual enrollment courses?

- a) Yes. Students must follow the regular process for applying to dual enrollment courses and must be accepted into those courses.

9) Will online students be allowed to participate in CCRESA courses?

- a) Yes. Students must follow the regular process for applying to RESA courses and must be accepted into those courses. Please note that CCRESA courses are not available online.

10) Will online students be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony?

- a) Yes. Students will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony with our Alternation Education students.

11) Am I able to change my mind?

- a) Yes, but only at specific times. The District has set the following dates for drops and adds:
 - i) First Semester: September 10, 2021; Second Semester: February 1, 2022

*****If you have further questions, please feel free to contact your building principal.*****