



# FAQ

**KRESA VIRTUAL & INNOVATIVE COLLABORATIVE (KVIC)**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is KVIC?**

KRESA Virtual & Innovative Collaborative (KVIC) is a virtual learning program operated jointly by the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) and participating local school districts for grades K-12. KVIC is built upon a virtual learning model that has been operating locally for nearly ten years — it provides a personalized and challenging online learning plan for every enrolled student in the KRESA service area.

## **Why is KRESA running a virtual program?**

KVIC is an innovative option for any students who may need an alternative to traditional schooling. The KVIC program was developed to support the local school districts of the KRESA service area to offer a completely virtual K-12 learning option to families who do not wish their child to return to or participate in the traditional face-to-face school environment yet still wish to remain a part of their local school district.

## **Is there flexibility for my child to move between KVIC and their local school district?**

The KVIC program was developed as a full year virtual option for students and families. For families looking for a part-time virtual alternative, we encourage you to work with your local school district to review the options available to best meet the needs of your child. Although KVIC was developed as a full-year program, if there is a need to return to your local district, transfer options will be reviewed at the beginning/ending of semesters/trimesters. Students will not be able to transition between the KVIC program and traditional face-to-face school during a semester/trimester.

## **What is the Cost?**

KVIC is a tuition-free program with cost paid by the local school district.

## **Who will be teaching/supporting my child?**

KVIC students will be taught by highly qualified, experienced local teachers within the KRESA Service Area. Every student will have an assigned mentor from their local district. Together the teacher and local mentor will support student learning, attendance and progress. The student's district-provided mentor is a key contact for students and families to stay connected and engaged with their local district and ensure they stay up to date on services, activities, and opportunities.

## **What curriculum will KVIC use for students?**

The KVIC program will use curriculum content developed through Lincoln Learning and Michigan Virtual University (MVU). Lincoln Learning will be used in grades K-5. MVU will be used in grades 6-12. These vendors have created content and developed courses aligned with Michigan Grade-Level Content Expectations.

## **What classes will my child take in the KVIC program?**

Student course schedules will be similar to those they would take in traditional face-to-face school. Students will work toward graduation requirements of their local district as the local district will award the student's diploma. Read the [virtual programming booklet](#) for more information.

### **What does the school day look like in KVIC?**

Student learning in KVIC is done asynchronously (learning that occurs through online channels without real-time interaction). Student learning and instruction will occur on a self-paced schedule with flexibility around when work is completed. Students can work at times when it is optimal for them. A student course load will be the same as in their local school district traditional classes. Students will interact with their teacher and district mentors in weekly live sessions that provide individualized supports, enrichment, and engagement.

### **What are the enrollment requirements for KVIC?**

Families must officially enroll their child in a local school district in order to participate in the KVIC program. Each local district has a district facilitator that oversees KVIC enrollment, registration, orientation, student records, and grading. ***KVIC open enrollment begins Monday, August 10, 2020.*** Please contact your local school district to make an appointment with the KVIC Facilitator for more details.

### **When does the KVIC program begin?**

KVIC begins classes on August 31, 2020.

### **What local districts participate in the KVIC program?**

Climax-Scotts Community Schools, Comstock Public Schools, Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, Gull Lake Community Schools, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Parchment School District, Portage Public Schools, Schoolcraft Community Schools, and Vicksburg Community Schools

### **Can students with Special Education needs, IEPs, and/or 504s attend the KVIC program?**

KVIC is open to all students within the KRESA Service Area. Students with specialized education needs will work with the local district to determine if the KVIC program is appropriate for the student and aligned with the student's IEP goals. Special education programming and services will be provided by the student's local district. KVIC teachers will provide reasonable accommodations to help all students be successful.

### **Can students in the KVIC program still participate in county-wide Education for Employment (EFE), Education for the Arts (EFA), and Early Middle College programs?**

KVIC students can participate in countywide EFE, EFA, and EMC programs. Parents/Families will need to provide transportation to these programs.

### **Will students enrolled in the KVIC program be able to participate in sports and/or other activities in their local districts?**

All KVIC students are students of their local districts. Students and families will work with their local district to determine eligibility for athletics and other school activities.

### **How do I get more information about the KVIC program?**

Families should contact the KVIC district facilitator at their local district for enrollment questions. Additional information can be found on the KRESA website at [www.kresa.org/kvic](http://www.kresa.org/kvic) or contact us at [kvic@kresa.org](mailto:kvic@kresa.org).