



LICKING R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT

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In response to parent concerns over sending students back to school amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Licking R-VIII School District is offering a virtual learning option for the 2020-2021 school year for those families who would prefer a full-time virtual option to a traditional seated school option. This virtual learning option is for K-12 students **who are residents of the Licking R-VIII School District**. Enrollment in virtual coursework must be completed with a district administrator by August 7, 2020. At the time of enrollment, elementary parents must commit to one full quarter of virtual learning, and secondary parents must commit to one semester of virtual learning. Elementary students will only be able to transition back to the traditional setting at the beginning of a new quarter: October 17, January 5, and March 13. Secondary students will only be able to transition back to the traditional setting at the beginning of a new semester: January 5.

Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may register for virtual learning. If a student with special educational needs requests enrollment in virtual learning, the IEP team will be convened to determine if virtual learning is the Least Restrictive Environment and to determine delivery of special education services as well as minutes of special education within the virtual environment. Delivery of special education services as well as special education minutes will look differently in the virtual environment than the traditional seated school environment. The IEP team will amend the IEP to reflect agreed-upon changes.

Students who have a Section 504 plan may request to participate in virtual learning. The Section 504 team will be convened to determine needed changes in the Section 504 plan and which accommodations can be implemented within the virtual environment.

Grades K-12:

1. Families may discuss borrowing school-issued Chromebooks and/or assistance with connectivity. Hot spots on loan from the district will carry the district's content filter and will be locked to the student's device. In addition, students will be issued textbooks that will be used to support instruction.
2. Depending on the number of students enrolling in virtual learning, students may be taught through LAUNCH, a third-party vendor for virtual learning, or by Licking R-VIII School District classroom teachers. In the case of the latter, courses will be deployed via Microsoft Teams. Classroom lessons and materials are aligned to the Missouri Learning Standards.
3. Students will be expected to log in to daily live virtual lessons that will be conducted between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Students are expected to participate in all scheduled



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lessons. When not participating in live virtual lessons, students will have independent work to complete. The workload will be similar to the workload of students who are in traditional seated classes. Attendance will be taken daily.

4. Students who do not meet attendance and/or work completion expectations will be transitioned from virtual learning back into the traditional seated classroom at the end of the quarter (for elementary students) or at the end of the semester (for secondary students).
5. Students who elect to enroll in virtual learning **are not eligible** to participate in school athletics, activities, clubs or field trips.
6. Meal service will **not** be provided to virtual students.

*I have had the opportunity to review these details with a district administrator prior to the August 7th deadline.

Parent Signature

Date

Administrator Signature

Date

*I commit to virtual learning for the following student(s) for a minimum of one quarter (elementary) or one semester (secondary).

Student Name

Grade

Student Name

Grade

Student Name

Grade

Parent Signature

Date

Administrator Signature

Date