



Hello Rocket Virtual Families,

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This week we enrolled 902 students in Rocket Virtual and assigned them school mentors. Our goal was that all students have a minimum of 1 class launched from edmentum. This was true for about 90% of our pioneering students, but some are still waiting for their email from a teacher to launch their learning. It is confusing when one student has gotten information from edmentum and another hasn't.

I am sorry for the delays and confusion this week. I know that this has caused many emotions from excitement to nervousness and ultimately frustration. I knew this would be a big shift for our community, one that will reshape learning in Rocket City well beyond this year. Your patience, support and continued desire to pioneer the virtual learning environment has been motivating to all of your supporters here at Rocket City.

I know that your building's administrator for Rocket Virtual has been working tirelessly on placement needs and to keep everyone informed of the changes and/or updates on progress within the system. We have completed all tasks on our end and are waiting for edmentum to assign teachers, to activate our remaining student's learning and make sure families have virtual resources.

Rocket Virtual Learning Assurances

1. You will not be held responsible for attendance or missed work before the start of a class. Virtual learning is designed for you to go at your own pace to complete tasks and have access to the content 24 hours a day.
2. You are not falling behind. In virtual environments the pace can be adjusted and modified to best meet the learning needs of students.
3. We will get better at this as we do it.
4. Your administrators and mentors have been working to get as far ahead as possible. Everyone is enrolled and classes have been requested, we are now waiting for edmentum teachers to pick them up.
5. We will continue to do everything we can to support our Rocket Virtual students on the local end.
6. Please continue to look for updates from your Building's Rocket Virtual administrator and a welcome email from your Edmentum teacher when assigned.
7. Your Rocket Virtual mentor will continue to do everything they can to keep you connected to Rocket City.

I thank you for your continued support and grace as we walk through this new adventure together,

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