

## Maries County R-1 School District

### 2020-2021 School Year

#### Guidelines and Expectations for Virtual Learning

The Maries County R-1 School District seeks to provide the safest possible learning environment for students and staff in our buildings. However, we understand that some families and students may wish to return to this school year in a virtual learning format. It is essential that each family and student planning to exercise this option understand fully the guidelines and expectations included here.

1. The commitment to study virtually is made for an entire semester. If a student begins the school year in online studies, this choice will remain in effect until the end of the first semester. Likewise, if a student chooses to study virtually at the beginning of the second semester s/he will remain in this status until the end of the academic year. The virtual learning enrollment windows for each semester are: 1<sup>st</sup> semester, August 17 and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester: December 11.
2. A student opting for virtual learning *will not be eligible* for extracurricular or co-curricular activities, field trips, special events of any kind or participation on school athletic teams.
3. High School students electing to study virtually will not be allowed to attend programs at Rolla Technical Institute (RTI).
4. Students studying virtually will be expected to participate and demonstrate attendance each day school is in session. (Students will be expected to attend class virtually during the time of their assigned classes.) If there is not reliable Internet connectivity in the home, it will be the responsibility of the student and family to access one of the district's hot spots in order to participate virtually *during the school day*.
5. Students studying virtually must demonstrate mastery of the exact same learning standards as seated students. Virtual students will complete similar (where possible, the exact same) assignments and projects and must pass assessments that seated students will take.

6. The grading and late assignment policies in effect at Maries R-1 Schools will apply to virtual learning students.
7. The school district will provide a device to students who need one. Taking a school owned device home does mean that the student/parents accept responsibility for it's safe return to your child's school at the end of the semester or school year.
8. The instruction and assessments that are offered in the virtual environment will be offered by Maries R-1 teachers. It will be the teachers' responsibility to contact virtual learning students at least 3 times per week to assess their progress and understanding of the content. (This contact may occur in multiple formats, including: phone calls, email exchanges, messaging in electronic form, or face-to-face contact through electronic means)

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- These virtual learning guidelines *apply only to the 2020-2021 regular school year*. They do not necessarily apply to the 2021 Summer School session.
- *If electing virtual learning for your child, please clearly check your selection below. Return the signed agreement to your child's building by August 17, 2020. Submit one signed agreement for each child in virtual learning.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend **to start the 2020-2021 school year in virtual learning**. I understand that I will be expected to attend school this way until the end of the first semester. I understand and accept all of the guidelines and expectations outlined in the statement above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend **to complete the entire 2020-2021 school year in virtual learning**. I understand that I will be expected to attend school this way until the end of the regular school year. I understand and accept all of the guidelines and expectations outlined in the statement above.

Student Name: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_