

196Online Middle School Model

Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools

Educating our students to reach their full potential



196ONLINE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Rigorous and comprehensive online learning with curriculum that meets or exceeds all state standards
- Live academic learning opportunities while maintaining the flexibility of self-paced work
- Combination of digitally delivered coursework with hands-on, tangible learning experiences
- All courses are facilitated by licensed Minnesota teachers
- Partnerships with similar grade levels and departments to provide an aligned learning experience
- Advisory program provides students with a dedicated staff who checks in regularly regarding academic progress and social-emotional connections
- English Learner and special education supports available

Continuing with District 196's mission of educating students to reach their full potential, our new 196**Online** school is a comprehensive online learning experience that carries forward the commitment to a high-quality education where students can explore the outer limits of their vast potential.

Opening for 2021-22, 196**Online** will replace the 196 Digital Academy option, which was created to meet the pandemic-related emergency requirements. The goal is to continue providing an online options with some modifications and enhancements from the former distance learning model.

This learning model is grounded on delivering an equitable, personalized and flexible virtual learning community that builds relationships and inspires the growth and development of all learners.

Structure and Curriculum

The middle school 196**Online** instructional model is grounded in an asynchronous (independent) learning where students spend most of their time accessing and learning content, completing coursework and engaging in teacher feedback independently at their own pace. This will be a more flexible schedule than the traditional bell schedule.

All core (required) middle school classes are available to 196**Online** students. A list of select electives will be offered at each grade level. There may be required and choice electives available.

Assessments

Students will also have access to district-wide assessments, including the MCAs. Some assessments must be taken in person and students may be asked to come into a district building.

Co-Curriculars and Specialist Classes

Students are able to participate in co-curricular programs after school at their attendance area school. Families provide transportation to school, but students may access activity buses on days it is available to take them home.

Online band and choir will be offered virtually, but students could also elect to take band and/or choir in-person where the family provides transportation to school.

Synchronous and Technical Support

Each day students will meet with their advisory teacher and fellow classmates where they will check in regarding daily academic tasks, connect as a community, and discuss strategies for learning in an online environment. Students will have the ability to attend scheduled content-area support sessions.

Families have access to robust layers of technical support to meet the unique needs of online learning including tech support, workshops, resource websites and virtual office hours.

Is 196Online A Good Fit For Your Middle School Student?

- Capable of working independently at their own pace
- Have a designated space for learning
- Persistent, self-motivated and disciplined
- Able to practice consistently and can focus on an assignment
- Able to communicate when they need assistance
- Understand the importance of time management
- Comfortable learning in a virtual setting



Reflecting on 196Online Learning

When considering an online learning option for your student, it is important for families to explore all of the conditions and resources necessary to create a successful educational experience.

Considerations

- **Persistence** – Being focused, self-motivated, and disciplined helps a student in online learning stick with a challenge, practice consistently, and focus on an assignment.
- **Time-Management Skills** – Managing time well is helpful in online learning. Students will be working independently at his/her own pace. It is important for students to have a strong ability to manage their time and stay on top of assignments and attend synchronous classes.
- **Communication Skills** – Communicating in an online learning environment uses skills different than in a face-to-face classroom. Students must seek out support when needed and communicate with the teachers if they have questions. They must also be comfortable with using video conferencing software such as Zoom to communicate with teachers and classmates.
- **At-Home Learning Environment** – Having a designated space for learning is a helpful component to online learning. A good learning space is quiet and has limited distractions, and provides good lighting and comfortable seating. It is also important to have a good inside and/or outside space for your child to take breaks to re-energize.



Connect With Us!

We know families may still have questions about online learning! We encourage you to call 651-423-7826, email 196Online@district196.org or visit 196Online.District196.org.

Join us for two virtual informational sessions on Monday, March 1 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information, go to

196ONLINE.DISTRICT196.ORG