

2021-2022

St. Martin Parish Virtual Program



Overview and Expectations

St. Martin Parish School Board

600 Corporate Boulevard

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Mission

The mission of the St. Martin Parish School District's Virtual Learning Program is to address the educational needs of students via a non-traditional approach to achieve a world-class education.

Program Overview

St. Martin Parish is no longer offering a COVID virtual learning option; however, the district will once again offer courses through the St. Martin Parish School District's Virtual Program as it existed prior to the COVID19 pandemic. Interested families should understand the St. Martin Parish School District's Virtual Program will operate differently and carefully consider the following information:

- The program will service students in grades 3-12 only.
- K-2 students will no longer be offered a full-time virtual option for instruction unless severe extenuating circumstances warrant it and permission is granted by the superintendent.
- Students in 3rd-5th grade will receive their full-time virtual instruction through the Edgenuity platform, just like our students in 6th-12th grade.
- Due to the nature of some courses, a few courses offered in face-to-face instruction are not available in the St. Martin Parish Virtual Program. All courses offered on the high school campus may not be available through Edgenuity, the virtual platform. This may affect a student's JumpStart pathway or available electives in the TOPS University track. Honors, Gifted, and Dual Enrollment courses are not available in the St. Martin Parish School District's Virtual Program.
- Each course is divided into four grading periods and covers several activities including direct instruction (via pre-recorded videos), journaling, written assignments, quizzes, tests and projects which may require some basic supplies. Some of the activities are automatically graded by the online system, but some will be graded by a certified teacher.
- Students in grades 6-12 will be required to take all Topic Tests, Unit Tests and Course Exams at the St. Martin Parish Virtual Center (or one of the high school Satellite Centers) without exception. These tests/exams assess students on the topics that are covered in the current grading period.
- Students in grades 3-5 will not have to come in-person to take any of their tests/exams at the St. Martin Parish Virtual Center. Tests/Exams and weekly progress monitoring can be accomplished through a Google Meets session with the assigned Virtual School Facilitator.
- Tutoring sessions can also be accomplished through Google Meets with an assigned Virtual School Facilitator as needed.
- **ALL parents/students, however, will be required to register in-person at the Virtual Center.**

Eligibility Criteria

Admission into the St. Martin Parish Virtual Program is not guaranteed, and the following criteria will be considered in the admission process:

- Any student who **failed a core academic subject during the 2020-21 school year** is prohibited from enrolling in the Virtual Program as a full-time virtual student, and instead is required to attend their home school for face-to-face instruction to address their deficits.

- The window to register in-person for enrollment as a full-time virtual student is from August 2-13, 2021.
- Once the deadline for enrollment into the Virtual Program has passed, your child will not be allowed to enroll in the Virtual Program until they complete the 1st 9 weeks grading period successfully at their assigned school.

Criteria for Continued Participation

Each student must recognize the value and importance of their education, regardless of the instructional model (face-to-face or online). Students are expected to remain in the St. Martin Parish Virtual Learning Program for at least one 9 weeks grading period, however, their performance and eligibility for the program will be evaluated every 3 weeks. In order to remain eligible to participate in the program, students must:

- Maintain adequate progress and uphold passing grades. Keep up to date with all assignments, projects, quizzes and tests. Each course has a calendar of activities called the “Course Map” with due dates for all. Students are expected to complete all assignments scheduled for them each day. Adhering to this assignment calendar will ensure that the students are making adequate progress.
- Only submit original work. Copying and pasting from an internet site or copying another’s work is plagiarism and is considered cheating. Additionally, using web services to solve math problems, write lab reports, etc., is another form of cheating. Uploading work that is not your own will result in a grade of “F” for the assignment and may result in immediate removal from the program.

Students who do not maintain eligibility requirements will be required to return to face-to-face instruction prior to the end of the 9 weeks grading period.

Expectations of the Parent or Guardian

Parents and guardians remain the most important part and greatest influence on a student’s success. In the St. Martin Parish Virtual Program, parental support is slightly different but no less significant. A parent/guardian is always responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly, has the necessary supplies, completes assignments, and gets help when needed. As an integral part of the success of the Edgenuity platform for grades 3-5, the parent/guardian of elementary grade students must agree to serve as the “Learning Coach” for their child. The Learning Coach works closely with the virtual facilitator to make sure assignments are completed, schedules are met, and students are engaged and motivated. Therefore, students in grades 3-5 must be accompanied by their learning coach while at the Virtual Center. Other considerations for the St. Martin Parish Virtual Learning Program include:

- Provide accurate and current contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses.
- Attend a face-to-face registration/orientation with your child and sign the St. Martin Parish Virtual Program contract.
- Purchase an ID and at least one school uniform for their child to wear when coming onto the school campus.
- Review the specific grading and performance expectations for students as outlined in the St. Martin Parish Virtual Program Policy Handbook.
- Provide transportation to and from the St. Martin Parish Virtual Center for tutoring, taking exams, etc.

- Receive and review periodic (daily, weekly, or monthly) progress reports via email. We strongly encourage parents to read these emails carefully to accurately monitor the success of their child.
- If requested, parents and guardians may be set up with a login account. This “family login” allows another family member to log in to their child’s account to see up-to-the-minute progress. By using the family login, parents and guardians can see different types of reports and more detailed information.
- Monitor the student’s internet activity to ensure only school-related websites are accessed.
- Maintain close communication with their child’s coordinator regarding student progress, attendance, tutoring, etc.

Expectations of the Student

Although students are working on their courses online and on their own schedule, as St. Martin Parish students they are still required to meet the academic standards per St. Martin Parish School Board policy. This includes:

- Meet grading period deadlines.
- Maintain adequate progress by adhering to the assignment calendar course maps.
- Work on assigned courses during St. Martin Parish Virtual School hours (*Additional work on courses can continue beyond those hours if desired*).
- Agree that all submitted work (assignments, projects, quizzes, tests, etc.) will be their own work and not copied from another student or an internet website. Plagiarism and/or cheating may result in immediate removal from the program, and the course will be given the grade of “F.”
- Write responses, short answers, uploaded essays, etc. in school-appropriate Standard English. No slang, abbreviations, or emoji are acceptable.
- Understand that a certified teacher grades all short-answer responses, essays and uploaded assignments. The Edgenuity system automatically grades multiple choice quizzes and tests.
- Wear a St. Martin Parish School ID and school uniform whenever on a school campus to visit or take standardized tests.

Frequently Asked Questions

“I don’t have a computer. Is my child still able to participate in the program?”

Yes. Your child will be issued a Chromebook from their zoned school to use in the program. It is recommended that you purchase insurance for the school-issued Chromebook, as your child will be responsible for its upkeep and financially liable for any damage to the device.

“How do we get help with navigating the Edgenuity system?”

Edgenuity has a very good help system with clear explanations and videos for most topics and tasks, for

example downloading instructions or uploading assignments. If you're not finding the answers you're looking for within the help tools, email your St. Martin Parish Virtual Facilitator – they're always happy to help.

“Are school holidays observed in the St. Martin Parish Virtual Learning Program?”

Yes, they are! The assignment calendar within the Edgenuity system is created to accommodate days off of school.

“Does my child still need to take LEAP tests?”

Yes, they do. LEAP tests are state-mandated and required. Students will report to their zoned school to take LEAP (or other standardized) tests.