



Park Hill School District

ONLINE LEARNING HANDBOOK



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ONLINE LEARNING IN PARK HILL

Park Hill offers a variety of online courses taught by Park Hill teachers to allow for part-time scheduling flexibility (e.g. one online course and three in-person courses per semester).

Additionally, Park Hill partners with online providers Imagine-Edgenuity and Launch to meet part-time online learning needs for students. Students might take a class from an online vendor if:

- a student needs a credit for graduation that doesn't fit into their schedule;
- a course is not available in the semester that the student needs to take it (e.g. an AP class that does not have a section);
- a student has an interest in a course that is not offered on their campus or in the district (e.g. advanced math, Mandarin Chinese, Cybersecurity).

Other requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

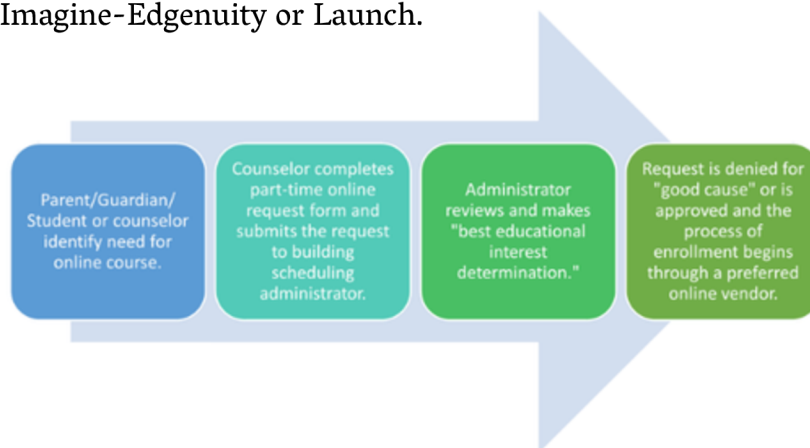
Is Online Learning Right for My Child?

Questions to ask yourself to determine if your child should be an online student:

- Has my child demonstrated time-management skills that show they can complete course requirements and submit assignments without reminders?
- Has my child demonstrated persistence in overcoming obstacles when learning becomes difficult?
- Does my child ask for help when they need it? Do they have the communication skills to let an instructor know when they do not understand?
- Does my child have the necessary computer and technical skills to succeed in a virtual course?
- Has my child previously attempted a virtual course and struggled with or failed the class? If so, have the issues that caused my child to struggle, or fail been identified and addressed?

PART-TIME ONLINE LEARNING

The Park Hill School District process for a student wishing to become a part-time online learner is outlined in the graphic below. Park Hill online learners will attend classes provided by Park Hill or by partner vendors Imagine-Edgenuity or Launch.



Students select Park Hill online course offerings whenever possible. These courses are taught by Park Hill teachers and are NCAA approved. Park Hill online courses align with the face-to-face equivalent courses and have been developed by district content experts.

If a student needs a course outside of the district, and the course is part of the student's four-year plan, the student may select a course offering from the course catalogs for online vendors Imagine Learning-Edgenuity and/or Launch. All courses will be taught by a certified Missouri instructor. Be aware that not every vendor course is available every semester.

When can a Student Enroll in a Vendor-Provided Online Course?

Vendor-provided online courses are available in the following situations:

- A desired in-person course is not available due to master scheduling conflicts.
- A student desires to take a course not offered in the Park Hill School District.

Vendor-provided online courses are only available as a part of a student's regular school day. Students enrolled in a vendor-provided course should be simultaneously enrolled in an online release block to allow the student time within his/her schedule to complete the course. A student who enrolls in a vendor-provided online course will maintain a full schedule inclusive of the online course and Park Hill course offerings.

Students wishing to enroll in a vendor-provided course not offered by the Park Hill School District must include this request during the established enrollment window. Requests for vendor-provided courses after the course-selection/enrollment window has closed will not be approved.

Students who are credit deficient and at risk of not graduating may be considered for a vendor-provided online course beyond the regular school day. This provision must be approved by both the building principal and the Director of Educational Programs.

What Does the Part-Time Online Learning Experience Through a Vendor Look Like?

Students should expect to spend the same amount of time working in their online classes as they would in an in-person class. The big difference is that online classes are self-paced, and students may access their classes any time of day, seven days a week. Some vendors offer live sessions, tutoring sessions with Concept Coaches, and instructor office hours. Students wishing for some face-to-face interaction should select a vendor with these options.

Technology

Students do not need any technology beyond what is provided by Park Hill to access their online classes. If a student needs Zoom or another application to complete classwork, they should contact Park Hill Technology at 816-359-5000 to request access.

Progress and Grade Reports

Students will receive grade updates for online courses from their selected vendor.

Schedule Changes

Park Hill students enrolled in an online course that do not make adequate progress within the first 10 days of the term will be dropped from the online course and enrolled in person. Likewise, after an initial 10-day grace period, schedule changes will not be accepted, and students will need to remain in the online course for the remainder of the term unless approved by administration.

A student that does not pass the first half of a split block online class will be dropped from the second half and enrolled in person for the second semester.

District and State Assessments

Students that take an online class that requires an End of Course exam (EOC) will take the exam in person as scheduled on their campus. EOCs are given for Algebra I, Biology, English Language Arts 2, and Government.

Students that take and pass an Advanced Placement (AP) class online may opt to take the corresponding AP exam. The exam is administered on campus following the schedule created by the College Board.

FULL-TIME ONLINE LEARNING

As of August 2023, Park Hill no longer offers full-time online services. While the district does not provide services for full-time online learners, families are welcome to enroll through a Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program (MOCAP) provider (<https://mocap.mo.gov/>).

Enrollment with an approved state program is paid for by the state and free to the family. As outlined in Missouri House Bill 1552, students that enroll as a full-time online student with a MOCAP provider will no longer be enrolled in the Park Hill School District.

A few approved MOCAP providers are:

- Launch (<https://fueledbylaunch.com/>)
- Missouri Connections Academy (<https://connectionsacademy.com/missouri-online-school/>)
- Missouri Digital Academy (<https://moda.k12.com/>)
- Missouri Virtual Academy (<https://mova.k12.com/>)

