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MAINE

VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Students at Maine Virtual Academy (MEVA) receive help through a multi-tiered support system that includes direct access to certified teachers, guidance counselors, an attendance technology support liaison, and dedicated resources available online.

Key avenues for receiving help include:

- **Course Teachers:** For questions specifically related to course content or academic progress within a course, students and legal guardians should first contact the course teacher via email or message during live sessions. Teachers communicate frequently and provide individual assistance.
- **Guidance Counselors:** Students can contact their assigned guidance counselor for general academic counseling, developing graduation plans, course selection, credit recovery options, and information on programs like Early College or Advanced Placement courses.
- **Advisory Teachers:** Each student is assigned to dedicated grade-level advisory teachers who work with students to foster success in the online learning environment.
- **Special Education Team:** Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or who need accommodations have a specific process. The first step is to contact the assigned Special Education Teacher/Case Manager, which may lead to an IEP team meeting if necessary.
- **Online Resources:** The school's learning management system, Brightspace, provides access to several resources, including MEVA Helpdesk and a Guidance Room.
- **MEVA Meets:** The school offers in-person tutoring/coaching at the MEVA suite on select days throughout the school year.
- **Attendance Technology Support Liaison:** Additional support is available, including team meetings, through the Attendance Technology Support Liaison for general assistance and resources.

MEVA emphasizes a highly attentive, student-centered approach, with teachers and staff working in close communication with families to provide personalized support. Email guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org for more information about any of these opportunities.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **MEVA MEETS:**
December 10 9:30-1,
Ballard Center in
Augusta

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- December 25:
Christmas Day
- December 22-January
2: Winter Vacation



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

[Attendance](#)
[Guidance](#)
[Tech](#)

MEVA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Maine Virtual Academy's (MEVA) mission is to develop each student's full potential with learner-centered instruction, research-based curriculum and educational tools and resources to provide a high quality learning experience for grade 7-12 students who are in need of alternative educational options. MEVA will develop an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) with specific learning goals to meet each student's needs.

MEVA's rigorous curriculum is aligned to the eight Maine content areas, the Maine Learning Results, the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. MEVA will demand the highest level of accountability from our Maine-certified teachers, our educational management system and our nationally recognized provider of educational services. The MEVA Board will contract with Stride K12 for educational products and selected support services.

SENIORS AND EARLY GRADS:

- The Mitchell Scholarship opens up on 12/1/2025, this is a \$10,000 scholarship that will be awarded to one 25-26 Graduate! FMI and to apply, visit the Mitchell Institute [website](#)
- The Worthington Scholarship application opens up 1/1/2026, this is a \$20,000 scholarship that will be awarded to one 25-26 Graduate! FMI and to apply, visit the Worthington Scholars [website](#)
- It is time to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA can be accessed [here](#).
- Please take advantage of FAME (Finance Authority of Maine) FAFSA Help! This FREE resource can be accessed [here](#).
- If you are thinking of applying to college, now is the time to start the process. Please reach out to [Mrs. Tyler](#) to schedule a meeting to work on your plans for after high school.

EARLY COLLEGE

Are you interested in taking a spring early college class for FREE? You must have at least a 2.7 GPA to qualify. This is generally open to juniors and seniors and those interested should contact [Mrs. Tyler](#). If you are a freshman or sophomore and you think you may qualify, please reach out to [Mr. Pierce](#).

VACCINE AND VISION COMPLIANCE:

SENIORS: If you have not, please email your most recent Immunization documents showing a second dose of MCV4 to [Guidance](#)

7th and 9th graders: if you have been to the Eye Doctor in the last year, please fill out our [Vision Screening](#)

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

It is hard to believe that re-registration for the next school year is right around the corner, but it is! Keep an eye on your mailbox in the new year for communications on registration!

CLUBS AT MEVA ANIME CLUB

Anime, a vibrant and dynamic form of animation originating from Japan, has captured the imaginations of people worldwide with its diverse genres, compelling storytelling, and visually stunning artwork.

Our Anime Club offers students a welcoming space to explore and celebrate this unique art form. Whether you're an avid fan or new to the world of anime, our club provides a platform for members to:



- Discover New Series
- Share Passions
- Express Creativity
- Appreciate Culture



Anime Club meets every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 PM. All students with an interest in anime are warmly invited to join us for our next meetings. No prior knowledge or experience is required—just bring your enthusiasm and an open mind!

Let's embark on this exciting journey together as we explore the colorful world of anime and foster creativity, friendship, and cultural appreciation within our school community!

TRAVEL CLUB

Travel club meets weekly to virtually tour different countries and cities across the world. Students vote each week on where they want to "travel to" next and we explore locations through presentations, videos, photos, discussions and fun facts.



Travel Club meets Thursdays after school with Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Petito



I AM FEELING LOST, WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

MEVA MEETS- AN IN PERSON STUDY HALL

MEVA Meets provides students with the opportunity for in-person assistance with classwork or overdue assignments, or simply to connect with their peers. We invite you to join us at the **MEVA office**.

***Location:**

Ballard Center
6 E Chestnut St.
Suite 230
Augusta, ME 04330



***Upcoming Dates:**

Wednesday, December 10th 9:30am-1pm
Wednesday, February 25th 9:30am-1pm
Wednesday, March 25th 9:30am-1pm
Wednesday, April 29th 9:30am-1pm
Wednesday, May 27th 9:30am-1pm

For further information, please contact us at :
guidance@mainevirtualacademy.org.

WHAT IS FOX TIME?

☀️ FOX Time: Focused Support for Real Growth ☀️

At MEVA, we believe every student deserves the time and support they need to succeed. That's why we offer FOX Time—a required support block designed to help students strengthen skills in reading and math. FOX Time isn't extra busywork—it's a targeted, standards-based intervention that gives students exactly what they need to grow with confidence.

Why It Matters:

- ✓ Builds strong foundational skills for long-term success
- ✓ Provides personalized attention in small groups
- ✓ Helps students practice and grow in a supportive environment



STUDENT HELP DESK

November is here, and that means you're well into the semester—great job so far! 🎉 As things pick up, we want to remind you that HelpDesk is still here to support you every step of the way.

Whether you're feeling confident or a little overwhelmed, HelpDesk is a place where you can:

- ✓ Get help with homework, projects, or tricky concepts
- ✓ Work independently in a quiet, focused environment
- ✓ Ask questions in real time with teachers from every subject
- ✓ Meet with Fox tutors who get what you're going through
- ✓ Use the Writing Center for essays, reports, and more
- ✓ Stay organized with our daily Fox Planner (check your calendar!)
- ✓ Earn awards for showing up and staying engaged!

🕒 HelpDesk Hours:

- High School: 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
- Middle School: 2:00 PM

If you haven't stopped by in a while (or ever!), we'd love to see you. Even if you don't need help, it's a great time to catch up, stay ahead, or just knock out some assignments.

You've got this—and we've got you.

See you soon at HelpDesk!

— Your MEVA Teachers

Questions? nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org



NHS INDUCTION

The MEVA NHS Advisors are incredibly proud to announce the newest NHS members!

Kira C. 10th grade

Emeline C. 10th grade

Abbey G. 10th grade

Daniel G. 10th grade

Joy K. 12th grade

Hope K. 11th grade

Austen O. 10th grade

Sesha R. 10th grade

These new students have DOUBLED our MEVA NHS Chapter,
Congratulations to all our NHS Members!