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VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

DR. MELINDA BROWNE, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy New Year from the MEVA team. We look forward to supporting students' success wrapping up the first semester. Please be sure to hand in all your assignments by Friday, January 9th to give your teachers plenty of time for grading. Go to the daily Help Desk if you need assistance or reach out directly. Most teachers are offering time within live classes for catching up as needed. As always, do not wait for the last minute to take advantage of these great opportunities.

Winter NWEA MAP Growth, math, reading, and language usage, are running January 13th, 14th, and 15th, for all students in grades 7 through 11. Graduating students will take the Accuplacer if they have not already done so.

MEVA's mission and vision focus on encouraging our students' academic growth and postsecondary readiness. We measure and celebrate all progress throughout the school year. As a high-performing, public-charter school, MEVA is serious about our meeting performance measures. The ESSA Dashboard summarizes our outcomes each year in conjunction with the ESEA grant. To view the dashboard, visit our local information page: <https://www.mainevirtualacademy.org/essaesserlaul-elresources/essa-data-dashboard-local-information>

Thank you for all that you do to help MEVA accomplish our goals!

IMPORTANT DATES

- NWEA Testing- Grades 7-11 January 13-15

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- December 22-January 2: Winter Vacation
- January 19: Martin Luther King Day



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

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

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 inbox in the New Year for communications on registration!

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 opened 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](#)

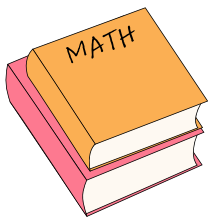
7th and 9th graders: if you have been to the Eye Doctor in the last year, please fill out our [Vision Screening](#)

CLUBS AT MEVA

PRODIGY CLUB

Love games? Want to boost your math skills while having fun? The Prodigy Club is a new MEVA activity where students can explore math through the popular Prodigy Math Game — an interactive world full of quests, challenges, and friendly competition.

In this club, students strengthen math skills at their own pace, work toward goals, and celebrate progress together in a supportive and engaging environment. Whether you're catching up, building confidence, or just love gaming, Prodigy Club makes math exciting and rewarding!



Why join?

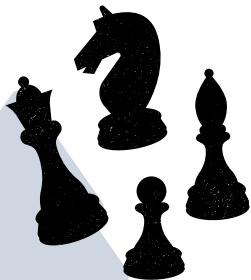
-  Learn through play
-  Build real math skills in a fun way
-  Connect with classmates and teachers
-  Celebrate your achievements every week

Everyone's welcome — come play, learn, and grow with us!

CHESS CLUB

Checkmate Boredom! Join the MEVA Chess Club!

Ready for a challenge? The School Chess Club is now open to players of all levels, from absolute beginners to seasoned pros. Learn new strategies, make new friends, and exercise your brain in a fun and friendly environment.



Who: Everyone is invited!

When: Tuesdays at 3 PM

Where: Virtual!



No experience necessary! Just bring your thinking cap.

To join a club, please email Mr. Fournier

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, 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
- For more info, please email [Mrs. O'Grady or Mr. Corbett](#)



STUDENT HELP DESK

January is here, and that means the semester is almost over—great job so far! 🎉 As things wrap 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: 10:30 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



TESTING- WHERE AM I GOING?

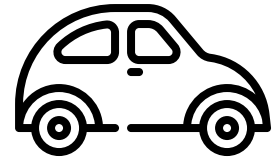
Testing is an incredibly important part of MEVA's culture, we rely on testing to tell us where to focus extra teaching efforts, as well as securing vital funding to be able to make MEVA the best of the best! Testing at MEVA is MANDATORY, however we work hard to ensure it is a smooth and painless process for all! That said, it can get confusing as to where and when testing will take place. Please read below to learn more!

NWEA TESTING =



NWEA testing is for grades 7-11 and happens 3 times a year, in September, January and April. This test will take place from the comfort of your own home, on your computer!

MEA TESTING =



MEA testing is for grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 and happens 2 times a year, in October and April/May. This test is **IN PERSON**, however we set up test sites all over the state to bring testing closer to you! Locations include: Saco, Lewiston, Augusta, Farmington, Bangor, Houlton and Presque Isle.

I-READY TESTING =



iReady testing is for grades 7-11 and happens 2 times a year, in January for mid-year enrollees and April. This test is VIRTUAL and will take place during Math and English classes.

MSAA TESTING =



MSAA testing is for SOME students in grades 7, 8 and 11 and happens 1 time a year, in March. This test is **IN PERSON**. Note: Most students will NOT take this test.

ACCUPLACER TESTING =



Accuplacer testing is for Seniors and anyone wishing to graduate early! Testing happens VIRTUALLY throughout the year, and is scheduled directly with Dr. O'Grady!

