

Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy

Overview

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Our purpose

We are carrying out the Denton ISD mission statement of **empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community** through a virtual learning environment.

The Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy is a public, tuition-free school, serving students in kindergarten through 8th grade. This option is for students who thrive in an online learning environment.

Who we are



We are Denton ISD staff and teachers.

Principal: Caleb Leath

Teaching staff: We are Denton ISD teachers and staff.

Staff locations: Our staff is located at a Denton ISD campus.

Staff Development: All staff participate in Denton ISD staff development as well as additional staff development specialized for virtual teaching.

Who we serve

For the 2022-2023 school year we will be serving Denton ISD students as well out of district students in Texas.



Sample Schedules and Middle School Courses

Students will follow a regular school day schedule using Denton ISD curriculum and resources.

Sample schedules for each grade level and middle school courses are posted on [our website](#).

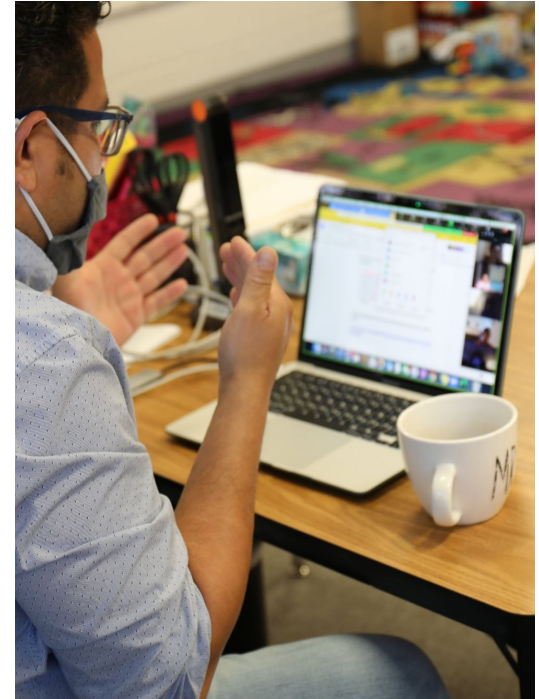
The student's school day may include:

- **Synchronous instruction:** *Two-way, real-time, live instruction between teachers and students.*
 - Including whole group instruction, small group instruction or working with peers, and/or conferencing with the teacher.
- **Asynchronous instruction:** *Time for students to work independently on assignments given by the teacher.*

Specific schedules will be created by the teachers, based on a student's needs. This will include when a student needs to be connected, or live.

K-5 Special Areas

Each week the students will have a combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities for Music, Art, and P.E.



6th–8th Grade Electives

Physical Education and Health Grades 6-8	Fine Arts	Technology Courses	Family and Consumer Science Courses
PE 6 PE 7 (with embedded Health) PE 8 (with embedded Health)	Art 1, grade 6 Art 2 (Art 1 prerequisite) Art 3 (Art 2 prerequisite)	Investigating Careers, grade 6 Principles of Information Technology, grades 7-8 Principles of Arts, A/V Tech, and Communication, grades 7-8	Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness for the first semester and Interpersonal Studies for the second semester, grades 7-8 Principles of Human Services, grades 7-8 (2 semester course)

Clubs

Clubs will be offered at a variety of levels that are age and interest appropriate. These provide an additional opportunity for students to connect through learning and connect with other students who have similar interests.



Timeline: Club options will be shared with all students the first two weeks of each semester. They will be able to choose which club to participate in.

Clubs will start the third week of school. Clubs will meet after the student's school day has completed once a week.

At the end of each semester, students will have the opportunity to select a different club.

Technology needed at home

Recommended home technology

High Speed Internet (Denton ISD has WiFi hotspots available if needed)

Each student will have a Chromebook provided by Denton ISD. You are welcome to use your personal computer with a webcam and keyboard.

A mouse would be helpful, but not necessary.

Headphones with a microphone would be helpful, but not necessary if the computer has them built-in.



What are the guardian responsibilities?

- Attend one of the parent orientation events in August before the first day of instruction.
- Maintain open communication with your child's teacher and make school a priority.
- Be patient. It can take time to adjust to a virtual learning environment.
- Establish a schedule and stick with it. Understand that for the first several weeks, it will require more frequent supervision from you for your child. As you and your child adjust to the school year, this can be adjusted.
- Be prepared to frequently monitor your child's work. This will vary with grade level and student's independence.
- Set-up a school learning space. Students will need to get ready for school just like they do for a Face-to-Face campus. They will be expected to participate in class discussions and have their camera on daily.
- Arrange to pick up materials during occasional distributions.
- Students will have to travel to a district location to take their state required test.
 - TELPAS for English Language Learners starting in 2nd grade and up.
 - STAAR for all 3rd-8th grade students.

How to enroll?

1. Review the enrollment requirements and follow the steps on our enrollment website.
2. Complete the Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy Application form.
3. Complete the Denton ISD [online registration process](#).

Next steps

Step 1. Complete the application for the 2022-2023 school year.

Step 2. Stay informed and read all communication from the Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy

Step 3. Complete Denton ISD student registration

Step 4. Attend parent orientation in August prior to the first day of instruction

Step 5. Have a wonderful school year