

# TRANSFER REQUESTS TO AND FROM LIVONIA VIRTUAL FAQ



## WHEN IS THE WINDOW TO REQUEST A TRANSFER TO OR FROM LIVONIA VIRTUAL?

The window is open now, through the end of the day on Monday, November 9, 2020.

## IF I AM HAPPY WITH MY CURRENT CHOICE (EITHER LV OR IN-PERSON), DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING?

No. You do not need to fill out a form or take any additional steps.

## HOW DO I REQUEST A TRANSFER TO LIVONIA VIRTUAL?

[Fill out the request form by CLICKING HERE.](#)

## HOW DO I REQUEST A TRANSFER FROM LIVONIA VIRTUAL TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION?

[Fill out the request form by CLICKING HERE.](#)

## WILL THIS BE MY ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO MAKE A CHANGE TO OR FROM LIVONIA VIRTUAL?

Yes. Your decision will determine the mode of instruction for your child(ren) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

## IS THIS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL PLAN?

Yes. Originally we had planned for there to be a second window in the spring for elementary students to request a change in placement. Following the complex process of creating two separate instructional programs that meet the needs of students, it has been decided that this will be the only additional open window for transfers.

If another window were to occur in the spring, the amount of disruption (teacher changes, classroom assignment changes, classroom splits, etc) that the rescheduling would cause, including the potential for remaining LV students to have their classrooms changed, would not be beneficial for the remaining weeks of the school year. We are happy to have been able to offer parents a choice twice, once at the start of the school year, and again now, regarding their child's instructional placement. A third restructure in March would ultimately be too disruptive.

## IF I DECIDE TO MAKE A CHANGE, WHEN WILL THAT CHANGE TAKE EFFECT?

For elementary students, the change will take effect on January 4, following the two-week holiday break. For middle school and high school students, the change will take effect at the start of the second semester on Monday, February 1.

## IF I DECIDE TO CHANGE FROM IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION TO LIVONIA VIRTUAL, WOULD MY CHILD HAVE A NEW TEACHER?

Yes. Your student would be placed with a teacher who teaches LV.

## WOULD MY CHILD BE PLACED WITH A TEACHER FROM HIS OR HER HOME SCHOOL IF WE CHANGE TO LIVONIA VIRTUAL?

This is possible, but not likely. Many Livonia Virtual classrooms are created district-wide, based upon the grade level or course offering (for secondary students), so it would be possible that your student would be in a classroom with a teacher from a different school.

## ARE ALL LIVONIA VIRTUAL TEACHERS LPS TEACHERS?

Yes. All LV teachers are our own amazing teachers here in Livonia Public Schools.

## IF I REQUEST MY CURRENT LV STUDENT TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, WILL MY CHILD RETURN TO OUR HOME SCHOOL?

For our middle and high school students, placements will allow students to return to their home school.

For elementary students, this cannot be guaranteed. After the number of requests are known, the district will place students where seats are available, based on grade level. It is always the intent to return students to their home school, but we cannot guarantee this until the numbers are known. We want to be very conscientious about not adversely impacting in-person class sizes.

## IF A CHANGE OF SCHOOL WERE TO OCCUR, WOULD MY FAMILY BE ABLE TO WEIGH THE DECISION FOR A BRIEF TIME, PRIOR TO MAKING THE FINAL DECISION?

Yes. We want our families to carefully consider their options and be comfortable with their decision. We plan to allow a brief period of time during which families can consider their decision once the placements are known.

## IF MY CHILD IS PLACED IN A SCHOOL OTHER THAN OUR HOME SCHOOL, WOULD BUS TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED TO THE NEW SCHOOL?

This is a great question. The district would like to be able to offer this, but realistically it just may not be possible based upon multiple reassignments from home schools, the numbers and locations for each route and maintaining safe capacities on the buses. Therefore, we cannot guarantee bus service for every situation, but every effort will be made to accommodate. If we cannot, you will be told this information once the school assignments have been made and will then have a window of time to determine if you are able to provide transportation or would prefer to remain in Livonia Virtual.

## IF MY CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTEND LIVONIA VIRTUAL AND HAVE A REASONABLE CLASS SIZE, CAN WE EXPECT CLASS SIZE TO INCREASE AFTER THE TRANSFER WINDOW CLOSSES?

The district is committed to keeping class sizes at reasonable levels for our Livonia Virtual learners and for our in-person learners at sizes that allow us to maintain our safety mitigation measures.

## IF MY CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN-PERSON, WILL OUR CLASS SIZE INCREASE?

More than ever, the district is committed to keeping class sizes as low as possible, especially during this time, for health and safety reasons. It is for this reason that we are making the difficult decision to potentially place students at a school other than their home school.

## IS LIVONIA VIRTUAL AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

This would be a decision driven by the IEP process - on a case-by-case basis. You can complete a commitment form and we will contact you to review your student's IEP.