



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Livonia Virtual?
 - a. Livonia Virtual is an online option for students. The program will follow the LPS curriculum and will have LPS teachers leading the instruction. Livonia Virtual will utilize Michigan Virtual where needed.

2. If the district starts the school year remotely, would I still need to enroll my student in Livonia Virtual during that enrollment window?
 - a. Yes. Livonia Virtual scheduling and staffing needs to be completed prior to the start of the school year. The proposed remote start is a temporary measure that would allow for a more gradual start to the planned in-person model.

3. Is there a fee associated with Livonia Virtual?
 - a. No, this program is part of Livonia Public Schools.

4. When is the window for parents to enroll in Livonia Virtual?
 - a. The window to apply for Livonia Virtual will be from August 5 until Noon on August 12.

5. Why is the window such a short time frame?
 - a. The district needs to analyze enrollment and staffing for both in-person instruction and Livonia Virtual for a September 8th start date.

6. Will students still be enrolled in LPS if they choose Livonia Virtual?
 - a. Yes. All Livonia Virtual students will remain within the district.

7. Is Livonia Virtual available to students with special needs?
 - a. 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.

8. Will Advanced Placement classes be offered through Livonia Virtual?
 - a. We intend to offer AP courses to students attending Livonia Virtual. Whether that particular class is taught by an LPS teacher or through Michigan Virtual will be dependent upon the number of students requesting that course.

9. Will Livonia Virtual classes be taught by LPS teachers? For example, will a Holmes teacher teach Livonia Virtual students from Holmes, or how will this work?
- Classes will be taught by LPS teachers, but the LPS teacher may not be a teacher from your student's home school.

10. What does a Livonia Virtual school day look like?

- Livonia Virtual students will have the same number of instructional minutes as required for in-person learning by the Michigan Department of Education.
- Instructional time will be split between synchronous (live instruction) and asynchronous (self-guided) learning.

c. The proposed schedule below is for Livonia Virtual only.

d. Proposed Livonia Virtual Lower Elementary Daily Time Schedule for Students (Grades K-4)

Synchronous learning (live instruction) will be held daily on the following schedule:

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Synchronous (live) Instruction 1
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Synchronous (live) Instruction 2
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Synchronous (live) Instruction 3
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
Daily asynchronous (self-guided) lessons must be completed as assigned by the teacher.	

e. Proposed Livonia Virtual Upper Elementary Daily Time Schedule for Students (Grades 5-6)

Synchronous learning (live instruction) will be held daily on the following schedule:

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Synchronous (live) Instruction 1
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Synchronous (live) Instruction 2
1:10 - 2:10 p.m.	Synchronous (live) Instruction 3
2:10 - 3:40 p.m.	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
Daily asynchronous (self-guided) lessons must be completed as assigned by the teacher.	

f. Proposed Livonia Virtual Middle School Time Schedule for Students (Grades 7-8)

Synchronous learning (live instruction) will be held daily on the following schedule:

Block schedule model: Hours 1, 2, 3 and Hours 4, 5, 6 alternate daily.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Hours 1/4
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Hours 2/5
10:45 - 11:15	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Hours 3/6
1:15 - 1:45	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
Daily asynchronous (self-guided) lessons must be completed as assigned by the teacher.	

g. Proposed Livonia Virtual High School Time Schedule for Students (Grades 9-12)

Synchronous learning (live schedule) will be held daily on the following schedule:

Block schedule model: Hours 1, 2, 3 and Hours 4, 5, 6 alternate daily.

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Hours 1/4
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Hours 2/5
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Hours 3/6
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Teacher and support staff available for additional assistance
Daily asynchronous (self-guided) lessons must be completed as assigned by the teacher.	

11. What is synchronous learning?

- a. Synchronous learning is live online instruction, taking place via video conferencing software.
- b. Students will have scheduled synchronous learning for approximately three hours per day.

- c. Daily attendance is a mandatory part of the program.

12. What is asynchronous learning?

- a. Asynchronous learning entails self-guided lessons to be completed by the student, with adult assistance where applicable. Students should plan to do asynchronous learning for approximately three hours per day.
- b. Completion is a mandatory part of the program.

13. Will Livonia Virtual be offered for Young Fives or the preschool programs at Jackson Center?

- a. The Livonia Virtual option is only available for students in grades K-12.
- b. Preschool-age students with IEPs may be considered based on the IEP team decision.

14. Will Livonia Virtual be available for students who are currently enrolled in magnet programs such as Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary, ACAT, MACAT, MSC, CAPA or Livonia Career Technical Center?

- a. Please indicate on the commitment form if your student is currently enrolled in a magnet program. The school will contact you in order to review the magnet program options available.

15. Will students who choose Livonia Virtual be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as marching band, athletics, etc.?

- a. Yes, students will be able to participate in extracurricular activities.

16. Will students who choose Livonia Virtual have “specials” such as art, music and PE?

- a. Yes, elementary aged students will have specials weekly, the same as if they are in person. At the secondary level, we will be offering most of the same electives we offer in person, and for the ones that we can offer, the content would be adjusted as needed in order to teach it virtually.

17. If a student chooses Livonia Virtual, will he or she be re-enrolled into their home school after returning to in-person learning mid year?

- a. Our intention is to place students back into their home school, but due to in-person staffing and class sizes, that may not be a guarantee if the return takes place during the school year. We will do all that we can to have our students return to their home school.
- b. If this were to occur, the student would be eligible to return to their home school in the fall of 2021.
- c. Students would retain their place in any magnet program or school of choice placement the following year as well.

18. Is a student able to transition between programs (in-person to Livonia Virtual or Livonia Virtual to in-person) before the end of a semester (middle and high school) or trimester (elementary)?

- a. Students are able to transition between programs (in-person to Livonia Virtual or Livonia Virtual to in-person) only at the semester change (middle and high school) or trimester (elementary) change. This is due to the careful balance of teacher - student ratios and staffing that has been assigned to meet the enrollment needs of both programs.

19. If a student is enrolled in Livonia Virtual, will he or she still be a part of his or her home school? For example, if a Churchill student chooses Livonia Virtual, will he or she still remain a Churchill Charger?

- a. Yes. The Livonia Virtual enrollment tracks with the home school, so Livonia Virtual students would remain enrolled with their home school, but coded in the system as "virtual."

20. Will the Livonia Virtual program have traditional letter grades or a pass/fail grading system?

- a. Standard Based grading will be used at the elementary level and traditional letters grades will be issued at the secondary level.

21. How will Livonia Virtual be different from the emergency remote learning that took place in the spring?

- a. The spring emergency remote learning represented a best effort, based on an unprecedented situation and provided flexibility for families as the pandemic was unfolding. It was not used as a model for developing Livonia Virtual.
- b. Livonia Virtual will provide students a robust academic program with synchronous (live) instruction and asynchronous (self-guided online lessons).
- c. Grading and attendance expectations will be the same as in-person.
- d. Livonia Virtual will provide course/grade level curriculum, which is based on the State of Michigan standards.

22. How will secondary schedules be created for Livonia Virtual students?

- a. We will utilize the student's current course selections. The courses that will run through Livonia Virtual will be based on enrollment.
- b. Not all course selections may be offered through Livonia Virtual. Some of these courses may be offered through Michigan Virtual.
- c. Some student course selections may need to change.

23. What is the time commitment expected of students in Livonia Virtual?

- a. Elementary: Students will be expected to participate in a total of three hours (not consecutive) of synchronous (live) learning each day, and a total of three hours of asynchronous learning (self-guided learning).
- b. Secondary: The proposed block schedule for in-person learning will be maintained for Livonia Virtual.

24. Will Livonia Virtual students be connected with a class/cohort or will students only interact with the teacher?

- a. During synchronous learning, students will be online with a class of students, allowing for collaborative work and direct interaction with the teacher and peers.