



# LIVONIA VIRTUAL

The Parent Guide To Livonia Public Schools 100% Online Learning Program  
2020 - 2021 school year



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Livonia Virtual (LV) is a 100% online learning platform option for K-12 students in Livonia Public Schools (LPS)
- LV will follow the LPS curriculum at all grade levels.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont.)

- Students in the LV program remain registered with their home school.
- Based on feedback from our community, LV WILL offer options for students in the magnet programs of ACAT/MACAT, CAPA, MSC and our dual immersion school of Niji Iro Elementary. More information on options will be provided to parents for those programs when commitment forms are sent out to families. Any student from a magnet program choosing Livonia Virtual will remain enrolled in the program and may return following their time in LV.
- Elementary students will be provided with a “learning kit” to participate in hands-on learning activities common to the elementary setting



## SECONDARY COURSE OFFERINGS

- LV will work to honor the schedule requests submitted by secondary students at the end of the 2019-20 school year (including AP courses).
- If enrollment is low for a particular course, that course may be offered through Michigan Virtual.
- Based on enrollment, there may be some courses that LV will not be able to offer, as is the case each semester when scheduling occurs at the schools.



## COMMITMENT

- Staffing and course scheduling (at the secondary level) will require specific staffing allocations in order to accommodate schedule requests and reduce class sizes where possible. As a result, LPS is requiring a minimum of a semester at the secondary level and a trimester at the elementary commitment to the LV program.
- We anticipate students will return to their home school at the trimester or semester, but exceptions may apply.



## TEACHERS

- LV will be taught by \*LPS teachers.
- Teachers may not be from your student's home school.

*\* Courses through Michigan Virtual will not be taught by LPS teachers but will have a LPS mentor.*



## INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

- Students will receive the same instructional time as required for all students by the Department of Education for the State of Michigan.
- Instructional time will be split between synchronous (live) and asynchronous learning.



# SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING (SL)

- Live, online lessons with a teacher(s).
  - These lessons will occur through the use of conferencing applications such as Google Meet or Zoom.
- SL will occur daily on a set schedule.
  - Students should plan to be engaged in SL for approximately 3 hours per day, on camera and engaged in lessons and learning.
- Attendance is mandatory.





## ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING (AL)

- Self-guided lessons intended to be completed independently by students.
  - Younger students will require adult involvement to complete AL.
- AL will be provided daily but may be completed on whatever schedule works best for the student.
  - Students should plan to be engaged in AL for approximately 3 hours per day.
- Completion of AL is mandatory.



## GRADING AND ATTENDANCE

- Students will receive grades that are the same as students who attend in-person school.
  - A letter grade at the secondary level or standard-based grade at the elementary level for all subject areas each marking period.
- Attendance will be recorded based on attendance during live teaching and work completion.



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Students in LV will be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities (such as athletics) at their home school, following the same health and safety protocols for all students.



## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Must attend all scheduled live, online learning.
- Must access and engage in all aspects of virtual instruction
  - Fully engage with teacher and classmates
  - Access, review and complete all classwork posted in the Google Classroom
  - Complete other homework as assigned
- Will follow the LPS student code of conduct at all times.



## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- Will play an active role in supporting their student in attending live lessons and completing work as assigned.
- Will work with LPS to assure that there is adequate internet connectivity and that their student has an appropriate device (Chromebook, laptop, desktop computer) to participate in LV online instruction and learning.
  - LPS will provide a device when necessary



## SIGNING UP FOR LIVONIA VIRTUAL

- Those interested will be asked to complete an online commitment form to indicate if their student(s) will be attending school through the Livonia Virtual program.
- Please look for a link to this form to be sent from the district following board approval of the district's Return to Learn plan.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Email Questions: [LV@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:LV@livoniapublicschools.org)
- Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer
  - (734) 744-2614
- Watch for a website page dedicated to Livonia Virtual information on the district website.