



Chippewa Valley Virtual Academy (CVVA) Q&A for Families

Chippewa Valley Schools will continue to offer a remote option for high school families looking for a remote, virtual experience for the 2023-24 school year. Our district staff, including administration and teachers who are providing or supporting the virtual/remote instruction, are committed to the rigor and expectations that students would expect in any public school environment. Below are some common questions and answers regarding virtual instruction.

What will CVVA classes look like?

- Virtual/Remote instruction and curriculum will be aligned to Michigan Curricular Standards
- Students will be expected to take part in live virtual instruction, discussion boards, or other specific time responsibilities while part of the CVVA.
- Students are required to submit assignments and be in attendance regularly if they want to continue to be part of the CVVA.
- Students will be required to take traditional assessments, complete daily work, and be engaged with the teacher throughout the virtual experience.
- On occasion, students may be required to come into the schools for some assessments.
- Students will be required to come into the schools for mandatory state assessments.

What skills are needed for student success in an online learning environment?

- Students who have success with virtual school need to be organized and follow a traditional routine.
- Students enrolling in the CVVA must be willing and able to work independently.
- Students will need to be able to analyze, think critically, and reflect on their performance and comprehension so that they can seek the needed support of those involved in this approach.
- Students and families should understand that students need an adult educational coach at home to be successful in the CVVA.

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Do we need to buy a computer to enroll our child in the CVVA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolling in the CVVA will be able to use a district laptop for their online classes. Students in the CVVA will need home access to reliable Wi-Fi of their own.
Can my child participate in school activities and extracurricular activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolled in the CVVA will not be allowed to participate in activities that occur during the school day in our traditional schools. Students enrolled in the CVVA will be allowed to participate in extracurricular, after school programs and activities.
What classes can students take in the CVVA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVVA courses taught by Chippewa Valley teachers will only be available if enough students request placement to create a full class. Chippewa Valley classes that have a limited number of student requests will not be offered. Based on numbers in the CVVA for the 22-23 school year, it is likely that most classes will be offered through an outside provider but will be taught by Michigan Certified teachers through an accredited on-line provider. High school students enrolling in the CVVA will have schedules created using the course request forms that we already have on file. In cases where requested courses are not available or offered, our school counselors will provide suitable replacements that will meet graduation requirements. We cannot currently name all courses that will be offered online as it depends on our enrollment and course request numbers.
Why is enrollment held at this time? Will there be an additional enrollment period?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The high school scheduling process is complex. CVVA enrollment at this time will provide the district the ability to build schedules, meet student requests, establish the appropriate staffing levels, and select teachers to meet schedule needs. CVVA enrollment is a yearlong commitment and should be carefully considered before making a commitment through the registration process. There will not be another enrollment period for the virtual academy.
What if our child has an IEP or 504?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to enrolling in CVVA, parents of students with IEPs or 504 Plans must contact their case managers, social workers, or counselors to discuss whether FAPE can be provided through the CVVA.
What if our child receives English Learner (EL) support?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The virtual setting is especially challenging for English Language Learners. The EL department encourages families to consider in person learning for their EL student(s), as this is the best way to receive support and direct instruction.
Can we register later in the summer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfortunately, we have CVVA scheduling restraints, which requires a great deal of time and effort. We need families to commit to the remote instructional model now so that we can build these schedules.
What if our child is struggling in the CVVA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers, administrators, and support staff will work with families of students who are struggling and consider all the ways to support their student.

<p>Do we need to enroll for the 2022-2023 CVVA?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone interested in the high school CVVA for the 2023-2024 school year, must enroll for the program. No one will automatically be placed in the CVVA. • If you would like your high school child to be placed in the CVVA, please ensure that you have an active Parent Portal account. Only fully registered Chippewa Valley students have access to a Parent Portal account. The only way to commit to the CVVA will be through the Parent Portal by completing the required forms. • The CVVA commitment window will close on Thursday, April 20, 2023. • Once a family completes the commitment forms, entry into the CVVA will be determined based on space and available courses. Commitment forms will be time stamped to ensure that students are placed in the program in the order in which they submitted their commitment forms. • Families will be informed of their child's placement or CVVA schedule in the summer of 2023. • If you are new to the district, the student needs to be enrolled before you can commit to the CVVA. Begin the online enrollment process at https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/chippewa.
<p>What if we do not want to join the CVVA?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child is a current Chippewa Valley student and you are planning on returning to in-person instruction, your child will be automatically scheduled for the traditional (brick and mortar) learning environment for the 2023-2024 school year.

Looking for more information?

If you have further questions, please email cvva@cvs.k12.mi.us.



Visit the district's CVVA website at: <https://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/academics/chippewa-valley-virtual-academy/>

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