

SECONDARY REQUEST FOR VIRTUAL ACADEMY INSTRUCTION (2022-2023)

Fargo Public Schools: 700 7th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103

CORE LEARNING: Secondary virtual learning for the 2022-2023 school year will be provided through the program Edgenuity. Students at both the middle and high school levels will take core classes (English, math, science, and social studies) through this learning platform.

- Students will have access to Fargo Public School teachers in each of the core areas at designated times each day to better support their learning in the core areas.
- **Please note: Some courses in Edgenuity do not meet NCAA eligibility requirements for potential college-bound student athletes and may impact those students after high school.**

ELECTIVES: Student elective courses will be offered through the North Dakota Center for Distance Education (NDCDE). NDCDE provides an asynchronous learning environment (various forms of digital and online learning in which students learn from instruction—such as prerecorded video lessons or game-based learning tasks that students complete on their own) aligned to the North Dakota State Standards.

- Students can communicate with their NDCDE instructors as needed through email and phone/text.

HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL students will be enrolled in three courses at one time and have 9-weeks to complete those courses.

- Once a student successfully completes a course, they will be enrolled in a new course.
 - **To stay on pace for graduation, high school students should finish 6 courses or the equivalent of 3 credits per semester within the Virtual Academy.**
 - Students wishing to participate in school-sponsored activities may be required to take courses in a different sequence.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS will be required to assume the responsibility of the at-home coach/examination administrator.

- Monitor and encourage online learning.
- Proctor examination (access examination and type in examination password)
- Need to be in the presence of the student during the examination

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance in the Virtual Academy will be based on a student's time in each course. If a student does not meet minimum time requirements (90 minutes per day per class), they will be marked absent.
- As with in-person learning, appropriate attendance is required in virtual learning. Students who fall behind in their coursework **will be required to attend assigned, synchronous Zoom sessions with teachers.**
- If a Virtual Academy student fails to progress in online learning and does not attend the required synchronous Zoom sessions with teachers, they will return to in-person learning.

GENERAL

- Families interested in Virtual Academy must provide updated proof of residency before being admitted.
- Students interested in the Virtual Academy who receive special education, 504, and/or English Learner services will participate in a Fargo Public Schools' team meeting to determine delivery of these services.
- Fargo Public Schools will provide a personal learning device and technical support for students and families.
 - This device must be returned when learning ends.
 - Students in the Virtual Academy will follow Appropriate Use Policy AP4265 with their school-issued device. Violations in this policy will result in appropriate penalties.
- Students/families enrolled in the Virtual Academy for the 2022-23 school year agree to fully complete the semester before re-enrolling at their home building.
 - Semester One: August 25, 2022 - January 13, 2023
 - Semester Two: January 17, 2023 - June 1, 2023

2022-2023 VIRTUAL ACADEMY SECONDARY REQUEST FORM (one form per student)

- Deadline to apply is **Friday, September 9**. After that, the form may be submitted and approved based on availability. *If approved, families are committing to a full semester of online learning.*
- Once the form is completed, drop off the form at your child's home school office for review.
- All families must enroll by completing the form below. **A Virtual Academy orientation is also required for students and parents/guardians.**

Student Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Grade: _____ Student DOB: _____ Student Phone: _____

My child currently has an IEP _____ 504 _____ LEP (EL Student) _____

My student participates in the following in-school activities: _____

Home School Building: _____

Parent/guardian(s) Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Designated Guardian Exam Administrator - Grades 6-12 (required):

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

This request is based on the following:

Please check to acknowledge parent/guardian commitment to Virtual Academy:

- My student commits to a full semester in the Virtual Academy and will attend orientation with the designated home advisor.
- I have included current proof of residency with my VA request (e.g., current utility bill, mortgage statement, or lease agreement with parent/guardian name).
- I understand that communication is primarily by email, and my student and I will check it weekly.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure my student is on-pace and participating in their learning.
- I understand that attendance is taken based on my student's active time in their coursework.
- I also understand that if my student becomes chronically absent, they must attend required tutoring sessions.
- My student will follow Appropriate Use Policy AP4265 with their school-issued device. Violations will result in penalties.
- I agree that the home school principal, counselor, and VA administrator will have access to my student's progress.
- My student will follow requirements for standardized testing.

Parent/guardian Signature (required)

Principal Signature (required)

School buildings will forward the signed, completed form with acknowledgements to the Virtual Academy:

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Course plan (to be completed by FPS):

S1a:	S1b:	S2a:	S2b:
S1a:	S1b:	S2a:	S2b:
S1a:	S1b:	S2a:	S2b: