



## **Moniteau Virtual Academy**

Dear Moniteau School District Community,

Moniteau School District is proud to offer The Moniteau Virtual Academy for students at the Junior/Senior High School and Dassa McKinney Elementary. These academies started for the 2021-2022 school year as flexible full-time educational programs offered to any student in the district. This program is a full-time asynchronous schooling option that differs from previous quarantine student and classroom options.

The Moniteau Virtual Academy students conduct their educational experiences primarily through a program named Edgenuity. Edgenuity is an online educational platform from Arizona that meets each state's standards and rigor. PA Core standards are met by Edgenuity in Math and English language arts in this program. Additionally, The Pennsylvania Academy Standards of science and social studies are also aligned properly with Edgenuity's program. Courses with the Moniteau and Dassa McKinney Virtual Academy include math, science, social studies, English language arts, elective courses, physical education, health, and other applicable courses. Advanced placement courses (AP) are not offered at this time. The standards we work with align with PSSA and Keystone testing which we take seriously as a measure of success. As a means for live instruction Google Classroom and Google Meet are sometimes utilized by staff as another means for students. The Virtual Academy is taught by teachers in the district who meet each respective Pennsylvania Department of Education certification requirement.

Students in The Moniteau Virtual Academy must meet The Pennsylvania Department of Education's attendance requirements. Students interested in enrolling must have a parent present and meet with a school administrator for admission. Students must complete 5.6 hours of school work per day which also calculates to 28.5 hours a week or 990 hours per school year. The Virtual Academy must meet all child accounting requirements as stated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's guidelines. Students not meeting attendance requirements will still be subject to truancy elimination plans the same as any student in the district. Students can additionally receive punishments for attendance, academic, or behavioral issues as if they were doing in person instruction and under the same guidelines and procedures. Students with IEP's, GIEP's, and 504 plans will have all requirements met by The Virtual Academy. Moreover, any special accommodations and/or modifications will be taken into account and any legal documentation can be updated to comply in the best possible way with the Virtual Academy.

The Moniteau Virtual Academy has specific requirements for optimal success. As previously stated, both academies offer Edgenuity as a primary source of instruction. However, virtual academy instructors can utilize other programs they deem fit for their students. These could include but are not limited to: CDT Testing, Google Classroom, Study Island, Happy Numbers, National Geographic, etc... There are also applicable times where teachers will ask students to meet virtually and review assignments or work together. Virtual Academy staff has the right to ask students to meet with them live as much as they seek fit for each student on an individual basis. School Administrators are available to discuss any discrepancies that may arise and welcome students and families' inputs.

Anyone interested in more information is welcome to contact Mr. David DiCaprio who serves as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Online Learning and Innovation.

Thank you for your interest in The Moniteau Virtual Academy,

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David J. DiCaprio Jr. -Director of Online Learning