



Frequently Asked Questions Sumner Virtual Academy

What is the Virtual Academy?

Sumner County Virtual Academy is in a 100% online setting 5 days a week. Families commit for 9 weeks at a time for elementary and middle school students and an 18 week commitment for high school students.

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1. **Do I need a technology device for each child in the Virtual Academy?** Yes, each student attending the Virtual Academy will need a device.
2. **I registered my child through Skyward and indicated that we have chosen the virtual option. What is the next step?** Attend your zoned school's registration night and complete all required documentation.
3. **What materials will Virtual Academy students receive?** Virtual Academy students will receive textbooks and workbooks as needed.
4. **Will Merrol Hyde and Union students be able to attend the Virtual Academy and not lose their spots?** Students from Merrol Hyde Magnet and Union Elementary will be able to attend the Virtual Academy and keep their spot at those respective schools.
5. **What kind of device will students need in the Virtual Academy?** Students may use any device that can connect reliably to the internet, has a video camera for virtual class meetings, and has the ability to type on for writing assignments and assessments.
6. **What supports will be available to ensure student success in the Virtual Academy?** Assigned district staff will regularly monitor student progress. Virtual Academy teachers will work with parents and students to support student learning.
7. **Will my student receive EL services?** Students who speak English as a second language will continue to receive support from their EL teachers.
8. **Does the Virtual Academy look similar to the last 9 weeks of the spring in 2020?** No, K-8 the Virtual Academy will be an interactive online learning platform with a teacher 5 days a week and will

mirror regular classroom instruction. Grades 9-12 will use the Edgenuity platform with a faculty coach to assist when needed.

9. What will the first week look like for students who are enrolled in the virtual academy? The first week in Sumner Virtual Academy will be a phase-in week where students will get to know our learning platform and prepare them for success as content will soon be delivered. They will also get to know their virtual teacher and classmates as a way to build culture in the class.

10. Will virtual learning be 8 am to 3 pm? Will video conferencing be used? Yes, the daily schedule will be from 8 am-3 pm. Video conferencing with the teacher will be a part of each school day. Students will not be in video conferences all day. There will be activities and projects that will not be tied to use of a device. A sample daily schedule can be found on the [Virtual Academy Website](#).

11. Will there be parent technology training?

There are tutorials to support parents as they navigate different educational technology tools available on the [Sumner Connect site](#).