



Online Education Option for the 2021-2022 School Year

In cooperation with more than a dozen school districts, *Jordan Public Schools* will offer a fully online enrollment option for K-12 families of our district through Southwest Metro Intermediate District 288, while maintaining state enrollment at Jordan Public Schools.

Although students will remain officially enrolled at Jordan Public Schools, students registered in the Southwest Metro E-Learning Enterprise will follow Southwest Metro's calendar and all Southwest Metro's E-Learning policies, grading, curriculum, procedures, etc.



This collaborative program—the **Southwest Metro e-Learning Enterprise (SEE)**—will be available for both semester one and semester two of the 2021-2022 school year, offering a full-time curriculum with “live” online teaching of MDE approved courses for all grades K through 12. SWMetro has been offering online courses for our students for more than a decade. This fall offerings will extend those services to full-time “live” Virtual School for all grades.

Students will attend school through Southwest Metro's E-Learning Enterprise online each day and work with SEE teachers to complete learning activities in real time and asynchronously by video conferencing and personal tutorials. Teacher-led and independent assignments will focus on the same standards as students attending on-site through Jordan Public Schools. However, the specific curriculum and delivery is adapted to help students succeed in an online environment. Although the teaching is at a “distance,” Southwest Metro's goal is that all students will be stimulated and actively engaged to learn as well as he or she can be.

FIRST STEPS

1. A student must be currently enrolled as a student in Jordan Public Schools.
 - First please **formally enroll** in our district if you have not done so already, before completing the separate online registration.
2. Start registration of your student(s) for your **SEE Virtual School—elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), high school (9-12)**—as soon as possible:
 - **Enrollment in the SEE Virtual School is a minimum one semester commitment.**
 - Interested families, must fill out this **E-Learning Enrollment Form** to register for SW Metro’s E-Learning Enterprise
3. Fill out SW Metro’s Interest Survey located **HERE** to be contacted by SW Metro’s SEE Staff and keep up to date on program information.

NEXT STEPS

- Once you have filled out the E-Learning Enrollment Form and SW Metro’s Interest Survey (both linked above), contacts from SW Metro and Jordan Public Schools will reach out regarding next steps.
- **Technology:** Students enrolled in the SEE program will receive a Chromebook from Jordan Public Schools during device distribution night at the Jordan Middle School on August 25, 2021 from 3:30 - 7:30pm.
- Academic Calendar: Students in SW Metro’s SEE program will follow their program calendar, not Jordan’s academic calendar. Please review the **SW METRO SEE PROGRAM CALENDAR** for more information.
- Class Schedule: Students in SW Metro’s SEE program will follow their class schedules, not Jordan’s schedules. Please review the **SEE Class Schedules** for more information.
- Course Catalogue: SEE offers a synchronous schedule for all elementary classes. However, for grades 6-12, students can choose between synchronous classes or an asynchronous self-paced schedule.
 - **SEE Self-Learning, Asynchronous Course Catalog (grades 6-12 only)**
 - **SEE Synchronous Course Catalog**

HIGHLIGHTS OF SWMETRO e-Learning SUPPORTS

- ✓ Taught by licensed teachers.
- ✓ Aligned with curriculum and Minnesota state standards.
- ✓ Learning models including “live” virtual classrooms using video, social media, and other real-time interfaces.
- ✓ Whole class and small group collaborative instruction.
- ✓ Combined with Independent self-paced teacher-supported learning.
- ✓ Designed to meet the same high level academic rigor present in regular schoolrooms.
- ✓ Students are eligible to participate in your home district athletics and other activities.
- ✓ Special education needs will be met in partnership with the home district.



Student Devices

- SEE students will be provided a Chromebook from Jordan Public Schools; students must follow all Jordan tech policies.



Feedback

- Lessons and assignments designed to give students smaller, more regular targeted feedback.



Daily Class Hours

- All classes will have regular class hours for “live” instruction or tutorial assistance following SEE’s determined schedule.



Virtual Interaction

- Daily online interaction between peers and instructors. For example, morning meetings at the elementary school.



Online Help

- Technical support during school hours both online and by phone is available from your home district and from SEE.

SUCCEEDING IN THE *SEE VIRTUAL SCHOOLS*

STUDENT SUCCESS

- Students can complete online assignments on the provided device through Jordan Public Schools. If assistive technology is needed for a student, please advise your home district, or SEE.
- Students can and will seek assistance when needed from SEE staff.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students will engage daily in virtual courses and should participate in class discussions and timely respond to instructions of the teacher.
- Students will submit work based on due dates and guidance made by the teacher.
- Just as in any regular class, students should expect some “homework” assignments, that is, tasks to complete outside of regular classroom hours.
 - For some schools (e.g., elementary) and some programs, “homework” is infrequent.

PARENT / GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

- Ensure their student(s) has the necessary equipment and internet access to participate.
- Help their student(s) follow an assigned schedule each day.
- Encourage their student(s) to seek help when stuck or frustrated.
- Communicate concerns with instructors as needed.
- Use the Parent/Guardian online tools to help your student and keep informed.

AT-HOME AND TECHNOLOGY

- Students will use a device and other necessary learning materials provided or required by the district.
- SEE and your home district will provide technical support online and by phone.
- Families without internet access can request a Wi-Fi hotspot from their home district.
- We do NOT provide home printers, ink, etc. for students.

ATTENDANCE & COURSE COMPLETION

- Students are expected to attend every scheduled school day just like regular school
- Just like regular school, parents/guardians must report excused absences to the virtual school (SEE) using an online application, phone call, or text message.
- Teachers will record attendance.
- Virtual students must complete course requirements to receive grades, credit, and advancement.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- SEE staff will watch for individual difficulties and intervene when necessary.
- SEE staff will assist students struggling with online academics, including personal and practical support, such as paper copies of assignments when feasible.
- SEE staff will team with your home district, parents, other partners, and all concerned to make your student successful.