

MADISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Remote Learning Option

2020-2021 School Year

PROGRAM DETAILS

[SchoolsPLP](#) is an online platform that will help MLSD deliver standards-based instruction for students in grades PK-8 and Edgenuity for 9-12. These online curriculum are aligned with Ohio state standards and will support student mastery of grade-level content while also helping to prepare them for any required state testing.

The [available courses](#) in SchoolsPLP will allow MLSD to mirror its adopted curriculum in an online environment. Please note that the Ohio Course Catalog has hundreds of courses. ***MADISON cannot offer all of these courses. Courses offered by MLSD will reflect courses found in our current curriculum/course guides and students in grades 6-12 will be scheduled into Edgenuity classes similar to those they selected last spring.*** If there is not a corresponding course, the student will be contacted so that an alternative can be chosen.

Note: Special education students with more significant disabilities will be served based on IEP meeting outcomes.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

The remote learning experience will look different from how remote learning looked in the spring. Students will work independently through online learning modules and grades will be assigned through a combination of computer-graded assignments and teacher-graded assignments. Students will be expected to:

- Log into each course on scheduled school days (Monday-Friday)
- Review all instructions, assignments, and materials daily (Monday-Friday)
- Seek help from teachers/administrators if needed
- Treat each day as a school day. Students (with guidance from parents, if needed) should set a daily routine and create an environment that is conducive to learning.

Student attendance will be based on student login activity and assignment completion. Students are expected to be in attendance every day, just like they would if they were attending face-to-face. If a student is sick and unable to attend (login), they will need to communicate that to their teacher. Student attendance will be monitored and recorded.

Students will be expected to stay on pace with the program. Students will need to work toward and demonstrate mastery of content through a combination of assignments, formative and summative

assessments, projects, journaling, writing, etc. Teachers will facilitate the learning process, provide feedback and guidance, and modify the curriculum if needed.

PARENT SUPPORT

The online program and teacher will help guide students through their learning. However, students will still need support from their parent/guardian. Just like in-person school, we expect our younger students will need a greater level of support from their parent/guardian to be successful. Parents are asked to make sure students are meeting the expectations outlined above.

Additionally, younger students might need help with some assignments. For example, the remote program includes physical workbooks for elementary students. Assignments can be completed in the physical workbook or in the online workbook. Assignments completed in the physical workbook might have to be turned in which would require the student to take a picture and upload it into the platform. In this case, a student might need help from a parent, guardian, or older sibling.

ENROLLMENT

In order to make all necessary plans for staffing and to have all program components in place for students, we can only offer enrollment for a limited time. Please make sure you contact your building principal for an intake meeting between Monday, August 3 at 8:00 am and Thursday, August 13th at 2:59pm. **Late applications cannot be accepted.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Program Questions

How do I enroll my student?

Parents have to contact their building principal for an intake meeting between Monday, August 3 at 8:00 am and Thursday, August 13th at 2:59pm to enroll their student. An enrollment contract will be filled out during the intake meeting.

Do I have to withdraw my student before I enroll in MLSD's remote learning program?

NO. As long as your student is already enrolled in MLSD, all you have to do is meet with the principal for an intake meeting.

How will the remote learning option for 2020-2021 be different from last spring?

The virtual learning experience for the 2020-2021 school year will have a centralized learning platform called SchoolsPLP or Edgenuity. Students will be assigned to a teacher who will help to facilitate their learning and keep them on pace. The content in the program is rigorous and aligned to Ohio state standards. Unlike last spring, the student may have a teacher who is not a teacher in their assigned building (i.e. a student at Madison Elementary might have a teacher from the ESC).

Can I change my mind and move in (or out) of remote learning during the semester?

No, the goal is to have a commitment to the program for a full semester. However, we understand that there might be extenuating circumstances that arise. If that is the case, you can contact your principal for directions.

Is there an additional cost or tuition for the remote option?

No. However, there will be school fees, similar to students attending face-to-face.

When will students in grades 6-12 choose their courses?

We will attempt to honor the courses selected by the students last spring. However, there may be some courses that are not offered virtually. If that is the case, school counselors will be in contact with the student to make the necessary changes.

Will the remote learning option be available during the second semester?

Yes. Students will be able to continue in the program for the whole year. However, students will be able to change course at semester and return to in-person instruction if they so choose.

Academics & Instruction

Can my student take in-person electives on campus while being enrolled in the remote learning option?

No. Students in remote learning courses will have elective offerings/options through the online program. Partial enrollment (meaning some online and some in-person classes) will not be allowed, so students enrolled in the remote option will not be allowed to attend in-person classes in the buildings.

Can my student still take CCP courses if they enroll in virtual learning?

Online CCP courses offered through a university or college will still be available. CCP courses offered via MLSL teachers will not be available to students through remote learning.

Will there be honors or AP courses?

Yes, there will be honors courses. However, much of the content in these courses will be self-directed.

How many classes will my elementary student have to take?

Elementary students will be assigned to 4 core classes and at least one elective (special) course each semester.

How many classes will my middle school student take?

Middle school students will be assigned to 4 core classes and at least one elective course each semester.

How many classes will my high school student have to take?

High school students need to enroll in a minimum of 5 courses to be considered a full-time student. Most students will enroll in 5-7 courses per semester. Students should consult with their counselor to make sure they are taking enough courses (and the correct courses) to meet the graduation requirements established by the Ohio Department of Education.

Will my child still have access to all the same courses, curriculum and instructional opportunities, just in a remote format?

Students will have access to many of the same courses and curriculum as students who will be attending face-to-face. It is important to understand that some of MLSD's elective course offerings might not be available in the remote option (it will depend on the company's offerings). The instructional methods within the remote setting may look different due to the virtual setting.

Will elementary students have specials (electives) classes?

Yes. Elementary students will still be enrolled in elective classes (special areas like art, PE, music, technology).

Will there be gifted services provided if my student is in the gifted program?

The district hopes to still provide services to its gifted students, but specific details and service models will be decided after the enrollment window closes.

Do the virtual courses meet the standard for NCAA approval?

Yes. The selected program is nationally accredited and the courses meet NCAA requirements.

Will the school calendar be the same as other students in Madison?

Yes, the school calendar will be the same for all Madison students. The first two weeks of school may look different for remote students as they are oriented into remote learning.

Is daily attendance required? How will it be tracked?

Students are expected to log into and complete work on assigned school days. The online program tracks when students log in and how much time they are engaged in learning activities. There is flexibility as to when students log in to complete the work, but daily attendance is expected so students can stay on track with their learning.

Will students and families be able to meet the teacher?

Yes, there will still be opportunities for students and families to "meet" the teacher virtually.

Will students work at their own pace or sit in front of the computer all day? Does coursework have to be done between certain hours every day?

Students will have the flexibility to work through the program at their own pace. Daily attendance and work are expected in order to keep the students on track with their learning. A student's workday can be flexible; however, the student's teacher will only be available during

assigned office hours. Questions a student has outside of teacher work hours may have a delayed response.

Will students have the same teachers as their peers attending in-person?

Your child's teacher will likely be a teacher from the ESC and not Madison Local School District if they are in the middle school or elementary. If your student is a high schooler, they may have a Madison teacher. Staffing will not be finalized until enrollment is completed.

If students move to in-person classes after one semester, will they be behind?

This is dependent on the individual student. The goal to keep our remote students at the same pace as our face to face students. Virtual school teachers will work diligently to keep to the same curriculum structure and timing as our face to face students.

Can students participate in both remote learning and face-to-face instruction?

No, students will commit to either remote learning or face-to-face learning for the semester. Students will have the opportunity to change their learning setting at the semester.

If the entire district (or building) is shut down and goes to virtual learning, can I move my child from the ESC remote learning to the Madison virtual option?

No. If a building or district is shut down, a student who is in remote learning must remain in the remote learning path. Conversely, a student cannot transfer into the remote learning option during the shut down period. Madison will pay for your child to have a spot at the ESC for a semester and therefore, your child will need to stay on the remote option.

Will world languages be offered?

Yes, students will have access to world languages in grades 8-12. 8th grade students will be enrolled in a high school world language course and will be able to receive high school credit.

Can my student still go on field trips with their class?

No, remote learning students will not be able to attend field trips with a face to face class. At this time MLSD is not permitting field trips to occur, even for students attending for face-to-face instruction.

TESTING

Will my student still take state tests?

Yes, if the ODE requires state testing for the 2020-2021 school year, all Madison students will be required to take the assessments.

Special Education & Related Services

Are special education students allowed to participate in the remote learning environment?

Yes, all MLSD students are allowed to participate.

Will my student still be able to receive related services like speech and language, OT, and PT?

Yes, we plan to offer related services to students in the remote environment.

What platform will special education students use?

The majority of special education will use the same platform as all other students. However, for some students, that platform may not be appropriate. If this is determined, an IEP meeting will be held to discuss other options.

Will my child have a case manager?

Yes. Each child on an IEP will be assigned to a case manager to provide specially designed instruction, accommodations, and modifications as agreed upon in the most recent IEP.

Will specially designed instruction for all goals and objectives be provided?

There may be some goals and/or objectives that are not appropriate in a virtual format. For example, goals and objectives that pertain to organization or behavior may be deemed inappropriate and therefore the IEP would need to be amended by the team.

Student Services

If my student is on free/reduced lunch, will my child still be able to get meals?

As of right now, the federal waiver that allows school districts to serve meals outside of school and outside of regular hours expires in August. This means we would not be able to provide meals for students in the remote option. There is a chance the federal government might extend the waiver and, if they do, we will communicate any changes to our families.

Will my student be able to access their school counselor?

Yes, all Madison students will have access to their school counselor.

Will my student have access to mental health services?

Yes. Telehealth services would be available to students.

Technology

Will the remote learning option require high speed internet and a device? If my student needs a device, will MLSD provide one?

Yes. A device can be requested during the enrollment process. Additionally, a student can request help with obtaining internet access during the enrollment process.

Will there be tech support for students at home?

We will do our best to answer any questions or work through problems with the students.

What software will be required?

No special software will be required to access the online platform; it can be accessed through any web browser (i.e. Chrome, Firefox, Safari).

Other

Will there be a remote learning administrator?

Yes. Your principal will be the assigned administrator for the program; however, the Butler County ESC will also have a coordinator.

Will my child be able to have school pictures taken and be included in their home school's yearbook?

We understand that students will want to have their picture taken to be included in the yearbook. This will likely be a different process for each building and we do not have a fully developed plan at this time, but please know we are thinking about it and will follow up with communication at a later date.