



Christina School District Virtual Academy 2021-2022

- **Who is eligible for the CSDVA?**

All students age appropriate for grades K-12 that reside within the Christina School District, or who are already enrolled in the Christina School District as a Choice student, or a student that meets the eligibility requirements for Good Cause for School Choice, completed the required Choice Paperwork and is approved to register.

- **If my student is a first time Kindergarten student, homeschool or attending a private school, can I apply?** Yes, your student should first be registered in their Christina School District assigned school. Or registered as soon as possible after.

- **Is there an application?**

Parents & Guardians must complete an application for each student to be considered for the CSDVA. The link is available on the District Website. The application requires a one year commitment.

- **Will advanced programming be offered such as, honors academy/AAP/**

Cambridge. The CSDVA is a program option for families who are not comfortable sending their child back in a traditional model. CSDVA will meet the needs of students, via their grade level, however, advanced academic programming, such as Cambridge, Immersion, and the honors academy can only be delivered in the traditional school model.

- **I would like more time to decide. I want to assess the remote experience to determine if the virtual experience is appropriate for my child.**

We are asking families to make an initial commitment for the District to be able to determine the student's needs and provide appropriate staffing. Once enrollment closes, the District will respond with a personal communication regarding the status of the program, next steps, and securing your final commitment.

- **If I register for the program, can I later decide to go back to a different option?**

If a family determines that their child's needs are not being met either via their 504 plan and/or IEP the child's team will reconvene to determine if a change of placement is necessary. We want to ensure all of our students are receiving their services, therefore, we will make a team decision in the best interest of the student and family.

Requests for other students to opt out of the Virtual Academy commitment will be addressed on a case by case basis. It is always our intent to support the student and the family, however, we are dedicating resources to this program based on your commitment.

- **Will Technology be available for my child?**

The District is committed to providing technology for all students.

- **What if my child is considered an IEP* student?**

Students with an IEP will continue to receive their related support and accommodations as identified in the Individualized Education Plan. Schools are asked to have an IEP meeting with the family to ensure the needs of the child are being met in the Virtual Academy.

- **One Year Commitment, what does this mean?**

Families who complete the enrollment form during the enrollment period are giving their initial commitment to the Virtual Academy. This will provide us critical information on the need and desire of our school community. *We will require students and/or families to sign an electronic commitment letter.*

- **If your student(s) is currently a choice student, will you forfeit your choice by registering for the CSDVA for the 2021-2022 school year?**

Registering in the CSDVA will not affect school choice assignments for 2022-2023 school year as long as the student maintains grades, academics and behavior as per district policy.

- **What if I am in High School and play sports?**

You will be eligible to play sports for the CSDVA Secondary Program that is identified, this may be different from your assigned school.

- **How does this impact children in the Brennen School, Delaware School for the Deaf-DSD and the REACH Program?**

All students are eligible to register if the family wishes to remain in the virtual setting for the entire school year. Once enrollment closes, the district will be able to determine if a virtual option is possible based upon student enrollment, grade configuration and the availability of appropriate staffing.

If a virtual option is possible, specialized programs will work individually with their students and families to determine if revising the existing IEP is appropriate to ensuring that CSDVA is the appropriate setting for each individual child and their individual needs and supports.

** Students that receive special services and have an IEP or 504 plan who apply to the CSDVA may need to meet with the IEP or school team to determine the accommodations, services and supports that may be offered through the Virtual Academy, which may be a different setting than that to which the student is entitled, and which may not be a setting appropriate for delivery of all accommodations, services and supports. By applying to the CSDVA, the parents or guardians of such students (or the student, as applicable) knowingly and voluntarily acknowledge the foregoing, and waive the student's right to be educated in the least restrictive environment.*