



Christina School District Virtual Academy

- **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. ***Based on our secondary model, we WILL be able to accommodate the needs of our students in the Honors Academy, Cambridge, Advanced Placement, and other specialized programming courses.***
- **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 need and provide appropriate staffing. Once enrollment closes, the school will respond with a personal communication regarding the status of the program, next steps, and securing your final commitment. ***Update - The District will be presenting its elementary and secondary virtual models at the September 14th Board of Education meeting. An additional meeting will also be held for registered students and families. You will receive notification of that date and time.***
- **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.
- **How is enrollment handled?**
The student will remain enrolled in their feeder school. They will be listed as a CSDVA student within their feeder school. The only difference is that their classes meet virtually, instead of at the school for this school year.
- **Help me understand Remote/Virtual Model and Transition?**
Remote is our current learning model. This model is used when schools are closed. The CSDA is a Virtual Learning Model utilized to support families who would prefer their child have a virtual educational experience for the entire school year.

The CSDVA implementation timeline will be parallel with a return to schools in the hybrid or traditional learning models. This would cause the student to transition to the Virtual Learning model as other students transition to the hybrid and/or traditional model. The transition will most likely include a change in your child's teacher, but they would remain assigned to their current school in the Virtual Academy. **Update - Yes, students will most likely receive a new teacher when the students transition to the Virtual Academy. Students are expected to transition via Hybrid and Virtual Academy beginning the Week of November 2nd. This also corresponds to the start of the new marking period. Finally, these timelines are subject to change based on the health of the Christina community. A continued rise in positive COVID cases could lead to a delay of our proposed timeline.**

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

The District is committed to providing 1:1 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. **Update - 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.**

- **Commitment Form, what does this mean?**

Families who complete the 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. The family will ultimately be required to sign a commitment letter prior to the CSDVA beginning on October 19th. **Update - we will require students and/or families to sign an electronic commitment letter. An example of that letter will be provided during the family information night scheduled for October 19th.**

- **Is there a transition?**

Yes, a student will begin the school year as scheduled in the Remote Learning model. The CSDVA implementation timeline will be parallel with a return to schools in the hybrid or traditional learning models. This would cause the student to transition to the Virtual Learning model as other students transition to the hybrid and/or traditional model. The transition will most likely include a change in your child's teacher. **Update - Yes, students will most likely receive a new teacher when the students transition to the Virtual Academy. Students are expected to transition via Hybrid and Virtual Academy beginning the Week of November 2nd. This also corresponds to the start of the new marking period. Finally, these timelines are subject to change based on the health of the Christina community. A continued rise in positive COVID cases could lead to a delay of our proposed timeline.**

- **Is this different from my child logging on to Schoology and completing class work from his teachers? Do I need to sign him up for this to continue School, and if I do sign him up and kids are allowed to go back to the school building will he be allowed since he will be signed up for this?**

Currently, all students are in a Remote Learning model. Teachers are using Schoology as our Learning Management System and providing instruction using Zoom. You do not need to register for CSDVA to be part of remote learning. When it is deemed appropriate for students to come back to the traditional school building in either a hybrid or full return, students who have registered for CSDVA will continue to be served virtually for the remainder of the school year.

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- **My son is a choice student at west park place elementary. If I was to choose to enroll him into the CSDVA for the 2020-2021 school year, would he be able to return to west park place elementary for the 2021-2022 school year without doing a new school choice application**

Yes, CSDVA will not affect school building or choice assignments. This program will be for the 2020-21 school year and students will remain in their assigned buildings for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

- **If I sign my child up, does that mean he would be moved to a different teacher than the one we are meeting tomorrow?**

Teachers will be assigned to students based on their grade and individual needs. To the best of our ability we will assign based on school location. If a school has limited interest, those students may be combined with students from another location to make an appropriately sized class. **Update - It is most likely that all students in the CSDVA elementary model will have a new teacher. That is one of the reasons we are delaying the implementation to the start of the 2nd marking period so your child can complete all necessary marking period 1 assignments and assessments with his/her current teacher.**

- **Is this something that will be continued beyond the upcoming school year if there is enough interest?**

If we have interest from our community of continuing the CSDVA, it is possible it would remain a program option in the future should we deem it to be successful and we have enough interest to support it.

- **How does this impact children in the DAP program?**

All students are eligible to register if the family wishes to remain in the virtual setting for the entire school year. The IEP team would make any decisions of changes that may be necessary to the program, services and supports to ensure that CSDVA is the appropriate setting for each individual child and their individual needs and supports. **Update - DAP and our other specialized programs are working individually with their students and families to provide a remote option.**

- **If enough students sign up for this, would it lower the chance of in-person learning returning?**

The decision to return to in class learning will be made based on the guidelines established by the Delaware Department of Education and following the Governor and Department of Public Health. CSDVA enrollment will not dictate when we will return. The number of students enrolled in CSDVA could affect the model we return under as class size is a key factor in maintaining social distancing and other requirements in the re-opening guidance from the State.