



## Frequently Asked Questions Sumner Virtual Academy

### What is the Virtual Academy?

Sumner County Virtual Academy is an online school that meets every day. 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, a requirement to attend the Virtual Academy is to have a technological device and internet connectivity for each student.
  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. If you are unable to attend the registration, please email
  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.
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- 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 to prepare them for success. 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 the 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](#).