



## **Overview of Northview Virtual for Grades 7-8**

Northview Public Schools believes that in-person learning is the best and most effective learning modality for most students. However, experience has shown that some students do thrive in a virtual learning environment. Our goal is to provide a robust virtual learning option for a small percentage of our students who demonstrate the need and the ability to be successful in such a structure.

### **Virtual Learning Student Profile:**

Successful virtual learners likely have the following qualities:

- Self-motivated and willing to work independently
- Able to advocate for themselves, seek help and ask questions when necessary
- Independent problem solvers
- Organized
- Exhibit patience with technology and lesson issues

### **Instruction**

Northview Virtual for students in grades 7-8 will include courses that have been built by Northview teachers using our Canvas Learning Management System. These courses are “live” - meaning that students join the class virtually at the same time as their in-person classmates. Teachers will utilize a classroom camera/presentation system so that virtual students are part of the class. Students will progress through the course as though they are in-person students. As with in-person courses, Northview Virtual teachers are the immediate point of contact for the student/parent/guardian.

Not all courses may be offered through Northview Virtual. Course availability will depend on student demand and available schedules. In the event that a requested course is not offered through Northview Virtual, an approved third-party vendor may be utilized to provide the requested virtual instruction.

Students enrolled in Northview Virtual are expected to be 100% virtual students. We understand, however, that in some unique situations a virtual student may prefer to take a course in-person. In such cases, the student may be permitted a maximum of one in-person class with approval from school administration.

Northview Virtual is designed primarily for those students who are able to keep pace with their courses and who have demonstrated an ability to be successful in virtual learning.

### **Expectations**

- Attendance & participation is required for the duration of the assigned class period.
- Students must follow the teacher's expectations for camera and microphone usage.
- Not all requested classes may be offered through Northview Virtual. The student must work with his/her counselor to determine the most appropriate schedule.
- Northview Virtual students are expected to be enrolled in a 100% virtual schedule unless otherwise approved by school administration.



- Students may apply to enroll in Northview Virtual at the beginning and end of each semester, and must adhere to all established course add/drop deadlines.

### **Commitments for Success:**

1. Attendance & participations - virtual students are expected to have regular attendance and participate in live instruction.
2. Student work engagement - virtual students must keep pace with learning assignments. This is especially important for teachers to monitor learning progress and provide feedback. Students may be required to take photos of student work to be submitted to the classroom teacher.
3. Positive environment - It is essential that virtual learners have a space to be a virtual learner. Additionally, live classes take place in homes. Cameras and microphones allow students to see and hear teachers, but also other students. Parents/guardians must commit to supporting positive environments that both support their virtual learner, as well as avoid any disruption or inappropriate behavior visible/audible to other students.
4. Communication - Parent/guardian support will vary by virtual learner grade levels. It is necessary for families to be prepared to support virtual learners by staying informed about the virtual classroom and communicating clearly with teachers if challenges or questions arise. Teachers will send regular updates with important information to parents and be available to support any student issues.
5. Connection - Much of the work and material in a virtual classroom will be digital and virtual, but books and other learning materials are still necessary. Teachers will regularly provide necessary learning material for families to pick up. The district is willing to help families access these materials through extended pickup hours or other means. It is essential that families work directly with teachers to make sure they retrieve or receive these materials.

### **Supports**

Virtual teachers and staff will work proactively with students and families to provide support necessary for student success. In the event a student is struggling in a virtual environment, parents/guardians, teachers and other staff will work together to establish a place and strategies for improvement. Levels of support in virtual learning may not reflect the support available for in-person learners. Students who continue to struggle may be encouraged or required to return to in-person learning.