



FAMILY-SCHOOL AGREEMENT FOR THE VIRTUAL PROGRAM AT THE OPPORTUNITY ACADEMIES

Parents and/or Guardians,

In school year 22-23, DCPS will offer a limited virtual option for DCPS *high school students only* through our Opportunity Academies (Luke C. Moore, Ballou STAY, and Roosevelt STAY) on a first-come, first served basis. This document contains an overview of the virtual program design. This document also contains several acknowledgments you must agree to and commitments we need from you in order for your student to be considered for this program.

Virtual Program Overview

- This program is limited to a small number of DCPS students in grades 9-12
- Virtual students should plan for 6-hours of ***synchronous*** coursework each school day, meaning all modules will be live-taught during school hours by an instructor online.
- Students who participate will enroll in one of the three DCPS Opportunity Academies (Ballou STAY, Roosevelt STAY, or Luke C. Moore). They will receive virtual instruction from staff at the Opportunity Academies.

Student and Family Information

1. Your Name

2. Student's Name

3. Phone Number

4. Email Address

Opportunity Academy (OA) Responsibilities and Commitments to Support Students in Virtual Program

1. **Access to accredited coursework:** DCPS will offer a rich online learning environment for students who participate in virtual learning. The virtual program will ensure a student has access to any courses required for a standard high school diploma. Additional courses may be available depending on scheduling and demand.
2. **Committed and supportive staff:** OA Virtual students will be taught by DCPS Opportunity Academies staff.
3. **Attendance support:** Students will receive check-ins with program coordinators to support with strong daily attendance habits.
4. **Commitment to providing student services:** Opportunity Academies will comply with IDEA requirements to meet the needs of virtual students. The School Placement Office, in partnership with the Division of Specialized Instruction, will work with each family to ensure service needs are accommodated during school placements.
5. **Technology:** DCPS will provide all OA Virtual students with the tools to participate fully, including a technology device or internet access support if needed. If you need a device or internet, please contact your Opportunity Academy.
6. **Meals:** DCPS will provide a meal option for students in the virtual program. Details will be shared closer to the start of the school year.

Student and Family Acknowledgments and Responsibilities

To enroll your student in the virtual program at the Opportunity Academies, you must agree to the following acknowledgments and commitments. Staff at the Opportunity Academy will support your student in meeting the engagement and attendance expectations necessary for success in the virtual program; however, repeated failure to meet the requirements listed below may result in removal from the virtual program and placement in an in-person school.

Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

Enrollment Commitments and Acknowledgments

1. I understand that participating in the OA Virtual program is optional. I understand that my child cannot be required to enroll in the virtual program and that my child maintains the right to attend their in-boundary DCPS high school. _____
2. I understand that selecting OA Virtual program means I am enrolling my child in an Opportunity Academy and withdrawing them from their current school. _____

My child's school of record will be (circle)

Luke C. More

Ballou STAY

Roosevelt STAY

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3. I understand that by selecting the virtual program option, my child no longer retains any rights to any seats in an out-of-boundary school or selective school that they currently have. _____
 4. I understand that I may withdraw my child from the virtual program at any time and that my child may re-enroll in their in-boundary DCPS high school. _____
 5. I understand that if my child transfers into or out of the OA Virtual Program within DCPS midyear, they may not be able to get credit for work in progress in their courses. This is due to the individualized course pacing and variations in curriculum in the OA Virtual Program. _____
 6. I understand that if my child is under 16-years-old and enrolled in the OA Virtual program, they are not permitted to attend the Opportunity Academy in-person or on a hybrid schedule. _____

Academic and Attendance Commitments and Acknowledgments

1. I understand that my child will be expected to fulfill all course requirements to obtain a standard high-school diploma. _____
2. I understand that the OA Virtual program only accommodates pathways toward a standard diploma. It does not accommodate a certificated pathway. _____
3. I understand that my child should plan for 6.5 hours of ***synchronous*** coursework daily, meaning all modules will be live-taught by an instructor online. School hours are from 9:00am-3:15pm with an after school option from 3:30pm-5:30pm. To be considered present, my child must be visually present on camera and/or confirm attendance audibly. _____
4. I commit to checking in with my child regularly to support their attendance and engagement. I can do this by logging into the ASPEN Parent Portal to review my child's grades and attendance. _____
5. I understand that failure to meet attendance requirements could result in my child falling behind academically, which DCPS may need to address through academic and/or attendance interventions, potentially including dis-enrollment from the OA Virtual program and enrollment into an in-person program. Students 16-years-old or above who are chronically absent may be required to attend the Opportunity Academies in-person. Students below 16-years-old may be required to attend their in-boundary school in-person where DCPS determines that the student requires an in-person instructional model to academically succeed. _____
6. I understand that my child is not required to attend any activities in-person and that all in-person activities are *optional*. * Likewise, I understand that I cannot require staff to provide in-person instruction to my child.** _____
*State testing is an exception to this acknowledgment. Some assessments will occur on site and in-person. More details will be provided at a later date according to your student's schedule.
**Services (ex: occupational therapy) that require an in-person environment will be ensured.
7. I understand that my student will be subject to all DCPS student conduct regulations and policies and will be required to follow appropriate online behavior and engagement as outlined by the

school. I understand that repeated or egregious failure to meet behavioral requirements may result in disciplinary consequence, referral, or other intervention under applicable DCPS regulations and policies. _____