## **SLPS Frequently Asked Questions about Virtual Program**

## Who can enroll in SLPSVSP courses?

SLPS students grades K-12 are eligible for enrollment. Students may enroll part-time or full-time. Students are required to have enrolled in a Missouri public school the prior semester.

### What courses are offered?

For a detailed listing of elementary, middle and high school courses offered, please consult with the Virtual School Program facilitators.

### How do I enroll?

Parents or school officials may complete the Virtual School Program enrollment form at their school site for part-time or SLPS central office location for full time.

## What if my student is denied enrollment?

The student has a right to appeal to the SLPS Board of Education and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

# Will SLPS accept credits earned through Virtual School Program?

Yes, all credits earned through the successful completion of Virtual School Program courses will be accepted by SLPS. Students seeking a SLPS diploma must meet graduation criteria provided by state law and the policies, regulations and practices of the SLPS Board of Education. It is strongly advised that SLPS students consult with their school guidance counselors in determining the correct course selection.

### How grades are reported to SLPS schools?

Virtual School Program facilitators will verify completion and contact the school counselor.

### What equipment is needed to take a Virtual School Program course?

An Internet-connected computer/device is required to complete a Virtual School Program course. SLPS does not provide funding for computers or devices.

# Can a school use the Virtual School Program to supplement courses not offered by the school?

Yes, with the Network Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer's written approval.

### Can SPED students enroll in the Virtual School Program?

Yes, with approval from the student's school based IEP committee.

### What type of student is usually successful in learning online?

Students who choose to participate in online courses will need to examine their personal skills and aptitudes for taking a class online. These attributes can contribute to a student's success: self-motivation; independent learning and problem-solving; computer literacy; efficient time management; effective written communication skills; personal commitment.

Again, it is strongly advised that SLPS students consult with their school guidance counselors in determining the appropriate Virtual School Program courses.

# Where can I complete Virtual courses?

Virtual courses are offered for full-time high school students at Vashon, Sumner, Roosevelt and Gateway STEM.

# Is there a pacing guide to complete courses?

Students have to complete more than 40% of each course by the 10-week quarter mark. In addition, students have to complete the semester class by December 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll in the fowling semester.

### Is there an enrollment deadline?

Virtual course enrollment requests must be made within the first two weeks (10 school days) of the semester or upon registration for mid-semester transfer students from another public or charter school.

## Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

Email <u>Charlie.Bean@slps.org</u> or <u>Wanda.Garner@slps.org</u> Virtual School Program facilitators or (314) 231-3720.

Additional information: https://mocap.mo.gov/