



## COVID-19 Medical Exemption for Virtual Learning

Providing a virtual learning option is a school-based decision and is made on a case-by-case basis. A student with a medically compromised condition or a student who lives with a person who is medically compromised may apply to attend school virtually for the 2021-2022 school year. If the student is admitted as a virtual learner, the student will continue as a virtual learner for the full school year and may not opt to return to in-person learning at any time during the school year. Virtual learners are ineligible to participate in or attend extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events. Students admitted as virtual learners may participate in Mass and Sacramental ceremonies through the student's home parish. For purposes of this policy, medically compromised means that the individual has a health condition that increases the individual's risk of contracting a severe coronavirus infection, long-term COVID-19, or COVID-19 complications.

### **Application Process**

- All requests to be a Virtual Learner must be submitted to the Principal in writing by June 30, 2021.
- Written requests must include a medical doctor's note that specifically states the student may not attend school in-person due to a documented medically compromised condition that increases the individual's risk of contracting a severe coronavirus infection, long-term COVID-19, or COVID-19 complications; or if the student were to attend in-person, the student would place someone in the household at risk who has a medically compromised condition that increases the individual's risk of contracting a severe coronavirus infection, long-term COVID-19, or COVID-19 complications.
- The parent and student must attend a virtual meeting with the principal to review the student's medical need to attend virtually. In this meeting, the student's prior year attendance, academic performance, discipline record, and previous experience as a virtual learner will be reviewed.
- All approvals will be considered on an individual basis.
- The parent and student must sign a Virtual School Plan developed by the school academic team.
- A non-refundable virtual learning fee may be charged at the beginning of each semester in addition to tuition. Failure to pay the virtual learning fee will result in the student being withdrawn from school.

### **Virtual Learner Expectations**

- Adhere to all school policies for regular attendance, dress code, academic integrity, and conduct.
- Sign the School Technology Responsible Use Policy and have home internet access.
- Remain in good academic standing with a C or higher grade in all classes.
- Attend a weekly check-in meeting with either teacher or Virtual Learning Coordinator.
- Attend a weekly check-in meeting with the School Counselor.

- Complete all asynchronous learning sessions as assigned by the teacher or posted in the LMS.
- Participate in any synchronous learning sessions assigned by the teacher.
- Complete all assignments as directed by teacher.
- Complete classroom assessments in-person at a time and place scheduled by the teacher or Virtual Learning Coordinator. In-person assessments may be assigned at the discretion of the teacher, may be as often as weekly, and will take place after school hours when other students are not on campus.
- Complete all required standardized test if mandated by the school or by state or/ federal law in-person (TerraNova, AP, PSAT, ACT). Students receiving a state-sponsored scholarship are currently required by the state to complete the standardized test in-person.

**Disclaimers**

- The school alone will decide if a virtual learning option will be approved.
- The school reserves the right to require a student to return to in-person learning or modify the student’s Virtual Learning Plan if the student is falling behind academically, habitually tardy/absent, has presented mental health issues or is violating school discipline policies.
- If the school learns the student is participating in outside school public activities, traveling, and/or socializing in groups or in public places, the school may terminate the student’s virtual learning option and the student will be required to either return to in-person learning or withdraw from the school because this behavior would be contrary to the reasons for offering a virtual learning option.
- If the student is on a state-sponsored scholarship and the rules for that program change, returning to in-person learning may be required.
- If the CDC and local health officials no longer deem COVID-19 as health risk or provide new school guidance, the school may discontinue the option for a student to enroll virtually and expect all students to return to in-person learning.
- If the Diocese of Orlando at any point requires COVID-19 vaccination for attendance at Diocesan schools, Virtual Learning Options may be eliminated. This does not imply that the Diocese of Orlando has any plans to implement any COVID-19 vaccination requirement for the 2021-2022 school year.

**THIS MEDICAL EXEMPTION VIRTUAL LEARNING POLICY IS ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:**

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Print Parent Name

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Student Name