



LEARNING OPTIONS

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

K-5

6-8

9-12

In the **Classroom**

Virtually via **NKC on Canvas**

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Overview

K-12 students attend class face-to-face, following additional safety guidelines at their school building. Mitigation measures will include required face coverings, frequent handwashing, frequent disinfecting, and physical distancing to the extent possible.

K-5 students learn virtually via NKC's Canvas platform, supplemented by Seesaw and SchoolsPLP. Students will learn at the same pace as their peers attending in person. 6-12 students learn independently via NKC's Canvas platform at the same pace as peers attending in person.

K-8 students learn independently through 100% virtual curriculum via the SchoolsPLP platform, aligned to Missouri Learning Standards. This option provides the greatest flexibility as students will have the ability to learn at their own pace.

Students in grades 9-12 may take specific classes a la carte through LAUNCH, scheduled through the counseling department. Lessons are 100% virtual.

Instruction

NKC Schools teachers will continue to provide high-quality, face-to-face learning experiences at all grade levels in classroom settings. Students qualifying for IEP or ELL services will be supported based on their individual plans.

NKC Schools teachers will design high-quality, virtual learning experiences that follow the same pace as in-person instruction. This may be the best option for families considering returning to the classroom. Elementary students will have the opportunity to connect with their same grade level peers through community circles and social emotional lessons frequently through video conferencing. Students qualifying for IEP or ELL services will be supported based on their individual plans.

Learners navigate through curriculum aligned to Missouri Learning Standards at their own pace, with a weekly meeting with an NKC Schools teacher. For elementary students, this option will include frequent opportunities to connect with same grade level peers.

Certified teachers will provide 100% virtual instruction covering a wide range of subjects, including core areas and many electives.

Communication

Classroom teachers will communicate with families. In the case of periods of absence due to COVID-19, teachers will deliver instruction virtually.

Teachers will consistently communicate and connect with families in much the same way as in a classroom setting. Students will be supported in both synchronous and asynchronous learning environments. They will be able to interact with classmates via chat and discussion boards. For K-5 students, this option will also include weekly meetings with a classroom teacher.

Parents and families will serve as key supporters of student learning. For K-8 students, this option will also include weekly meetings with an NKC Schools teacher. Students will receive frequent feedback toward learning goals through the SchoolsPLP platform.

LAUNCH instructors will connect with students throughout their courses, ensuring timely support and feedback in the virtual environment.

Technology

All K-12 students in NKC Schools will continue to be provided a district device to access course content. In case of periods of absence, students will use devices to continue learning virtually.

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Availability

Available to all students in grades K-12. Transportation will be provided for students attending full time in person.

Available to all students, K-12. Intended to follow the same pace as face-to-face learning to provide additional flexibility to students and families who may be considering a return to the classroom.

Available to all students in grades K-8. Families should commit to at least one quarter of learning via SchoolsPLP.

Available to all students in grades 9-12. LAUNCH classes may supplement a student's in-person schedule or classes via NKC on Canvas. LAUNCH is a semester commitment.

Update: Second Semester Declaration

Since the first day of school, NKC Schools has allowed students to move between face-to-face and virtual learning modes rather seamlessly. While these choices will still be available in best meeting each student's and family's learning needs, the frequency of shifting between learning scenarios has created staffing challenges in supporting all learners effectively. To improve the learning environment for both face-to-face and virtual students, declarations made for second semester will stay in effect from January 19 through the last day of school (currently scheduled for May 28).