

MVWSD Return to Learn



New next year ... Distance Learning School (DLS)

We recognize that some families prefer distance learning, because of health concerns or due to their students' learning styles. Distance learning, in the form of the new MVWSD Distance Learning School (DLS), will be an option for families who prefer it for their students.

DLS will be its own K-8 school, with teachers assigned to DLS students. This school will provide a learning experience specifically designed to meet the needs of students learning entirely from home for the full school year.

Choosing DLS on the Distance Learning Enrollment survey now is a commitment to (and your opportunity to enroll in) DLS with only one possible mid-year change of program.

Distance Learning School (DLS) provides:

- A MVWSD-issued Chromebook for instructional use
- Live online instruction from teachers 5 days/week to students who are learning at home
- The same core curriculum used at neighborhood schools (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science)
- RTI (Response to Instruction)
- Physical Education classes via Zoom
- Art and Music classes through CSMA (elementary)
- Elective classes (middle school)
- ELD and Special Education services (if applicable)
- Other programs or activities as implemented by the school

Frequently Asked Questions about DLS

Where will my student physically be learning?

At home, instructed by a MVWSD DLS teacher using Zoom.

Who will teach in the DLS?

The DLS will be staffed by MVWSD teachers who are assigned to the school. Staffing will be determined over the next few months.

Will entering the DLS mean I lose my child's space for his/her choice or neighborhood school on-campus program the following year?

No. A currently-enrolled student does not lose his/her spot in a neighborhood or choice school for the following year.

Can I enroll in DLS and later change to in-person? Especially if I am waiting for my child's vaccination?

We anticipate there will be an exit point from DLS to in-person learning around the midpoint of the year. The exact timing and process for this change is to be determined. It's important to note that students' in-person placements midyear will be subject to availability. Due to public health guidelines, class size constraints, and staffing, we cannot guarantee that there will be space in classrooms. Understanding your needs will

help us plan, so please enter those on the Distance Learning Enrollment survey.

Is DLS considered a separate school or a program?

Yes. It will be considered its own school.

How will choice school instruction work for distance learning students from Mistral and Stevenson?

DLS students from choice schools may have a dedicated time online for unique programming. Exactly what this looks like is based on numbers of DLS students and staffing. The full choice school program will not be available in DLS. In-person teachers will not have zoomies and roomies at the same time in the classroom.

How will middle school electives work for DLS students?

To be determined. As in a typical year, electives availability is based on staffing and demand.

Will DLS students be on the same zooms as the neighborhood school students?

No. The Board's direction is that concurrent/hybrid learning will not be in place next year.