

# St. Elizabeth R-IV School

## FAQ's for "Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program" (MOCAP)

In accordance with SB 603:

Students who have been enrolled full time in a public or charter school for at least one semester immediately prior, may enroll part-time in the Missouri Course Assess and Virtual School Program. Enrollment must be approved by St. Elizabeth R-IV School District. A student with a documented medical or psychological condition that prevented the student from attending school during the previous semester shall be exempt from the requirement that a student is enrolled full-time in and attended a public school for at least one semester in order to enroll in Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program courses.

### **What does the law say?**

Section 161.670, RSMo.:

<http://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=161.670&bid=35970&hl=course+access%u2044>

### **Is this Board policy?**

St. Elizabeth R-IV Schools are working to adopt Board policy in compliance with SB 603.

### **What is the process for a student/family to request this online learning opportunity?**

Individuals will follow the same school registration practices (and timelines) as they would for face-to-face classes to access this opportunity: Registration for online courses will be limited to the same registration day as regular course registration in August.

Elementary students/parents coordinate with the principal and counselor

Secondary students/parents coordinate with the counselor following general registration process procedures. Registration for online courses will be limited to the same registration day as regular course registration in August.

### **What courses are offered?**

It will be the student's and parents' responsibility to contact DESE for a list of approved courses.

### **Will the district provide technology, supervision, or a space to access this online learning?**

The District is not obligated to provide student computers, equipment or internet access except for eligible students with disabilities in compliance with federal and state law. Space access (i.e. a place at the school building for students to work on their MOCAP coursework) will follow current procedures.

The district will provide an internet based guest work network and workspace for students to complete their work. The district will not provide assistive technology or equipment (computer, laptop, etc) for students enrolled in the virtual classroom(s).

### **Will exceptional learners such as ELL, 504, or IEP students be provided support?**

Support will be provided through the vendor.

### **How will this effect MSHSAA eligibility?**

MSHSAA eligibility must be approved by the building and district athletic directors in accordance with MSHSAA and District policies.

### **Could a request for online learning be denied?**

Yes, denial is a possibility if the request is not in the best educational interest of the student. Below are some possible reasons for denial.

- Requested course is already available through the District and the online course does not contain sufficient rigor.
- Student has not been a full-time student in a public school for at least one full semester prior to the request.
- Student does not reside in the district as required by the law that established the MoCAP program.
- Course prerequisites have not been met
- Student is already currently carrying a maximum academic load for the semester requested (i.e. this course would be beyond the normal full load). Students can continue to access MoCAP courses they are currently enrolled in; however, the district is not required to pay for courses beyond the student's full-time equivalent course load. If the student would like to access courses beyond the maximum course load, the student can do so at his/her own expense.
- Student has not been successful in a previous online course(s).
- The student's current grades do not indicate that he or she would be successful in virtual courses.
- Course request does not meet St. Elizabeth curriculum standards and graduation requirements as required by the law that established the MoCAP program.
- The student doesn't demonstrate the time-management skills or self-motivation necessary to be successful in MoCAP courses.
- The student does not demonstrate persistence in overcoming obstacles and a willingness to seek assistance when needed.
- The student does not demonstrate verbal or written communication skills that would allow the student to succeed in an environment where the instructor may not have sufficient nonverbal cues to indicate the student's level of understanding.
- The student doesn't have the necessary computer or technical skills to succeed in a virtual course.

### **If denied, is there an appeal process?**

The District is working with district staff on an appeals process in accordance with Board Policy. In the case of a denial of a MOCAP request, individuals will receive written notification of denial and their path to appeal the decision.

### **Additional Questions?**

Please contact each building counselor.

**VIRTUAL COURSES**  
Request to Enroll in Virtual Courses

The student or parent/guardian should complete this form and submit it with class enrollment materials on the day of onsite registration.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Date of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Online Course	Online Course Provider

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Denied and reason