



## The Virtual Option

Dear Marian Families,

Thank you once again for your patience as we continue to prepare for the upcoming school year. As you know, we are preparing for Student Orientation beginning on Monday, August 17 and our first day of in-person classes on Monday, August 24.

Parents may also choose to have their student(s) participate in classes virtually while in-person instruction is taking place. Students participating virtually will attend all of their classes at the same time and for the same duration as they would during in-person instruction. Below is some important information about the virtual option that families may wish to consider prior to making their final decision:

- Students who will be participating virtually will attend a special orientation session on Friday, August 21 from 8:00 am to 11:45 am. They will not be required to attend orientation with their class on a previous day.
- On orientation day, students will follow a shortened class schedule so that they can meet their teachers, collect required textbooks, and obtain the join codes for their Google Classrooms. Students should bring their backpacks to the orientation.
- Students will follow the same schedule virtually as they would in school.
- In most cases, classes will be live-streamed using Google Meet or Zoom.
- There are some instances where live streaming is not possible or practical such as Physical Education class. For such classes, the teacher will use Google Classroom to communicate how content will be delivered.
- Teachers will post the directions on how students are to participate in their Google Classrooms. Students may be required to hand in assignments, complete assessments, and participate in discussions.
- Students who are attending virtually will be required to use join codes provided by their teachers to join a Google Classroom for each class they have. The join codes will be provided to students during orientation.
- Although it is ideal for students to attend classes at the same time as their peers, class sessions will also be recorded so that students can view the content at an alternative time.
- Students participating virtually will be marked as “present” in Marian’s attendance system. It is the parent or guardian’s responsibility to inform the school if the student is ill, and unable to participate on any particular day.
- Students must attend either in-person, or virtually, not a combination of the two options.
- Parents who are choosing a virtual option for their child are asked to do so by Friday, August 14.
- Families who choose this option are asked to commit to three-week increments of virtual instruction. The first frame for virtual instruction is Monday August 24 – Friday, September 4.
- Students participating virtually are eligible for extra-curricular activities as allowed by the IHSA.

Parents who are interested in this option for their student(s) should contact Mrs. Pam Hardig in the Main Office at [phardig@marianhs.org](mailto:phardig@marianhs.org) or 574-259-5257.

Sincerely,  
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Principal