We envision that most parents and students will participate in the fully remote learning plan as approved by the Board of Education on August 6, 2020. With that plan, students remain scheduled in their own classrooms and schools as enrolled, and take advantage of the synchronous and asynchronous opportunities along with their peers during a traditional school day. Now that our K-8 plan is a fully remote option, our preference would be that most families remain with that schedule.

**Who should attend the Virtual Academy?**
This program has always been intended to meet the needs of some families who have unique conditions to consider. These families are committing to a full semester of online education with no desire to return to the classroom, regardless of the district's main delivery model. The program will utilize a third-party product approved by the Board called Accelerate and be facilitated by a Royal Oak Schools staff member.

**How will traditional remote learning look different this fall from the spring?**
The spring was crisis schooling; the fall will look completely different than the spring. Students will experience scheduled multiple live/synchronous lessons weekly. Our buildings will make it a priority to have materials that students need for pick up, such as leveled books, classroom materials, etc. Our teachers will provide social emotional lessons and supports for our students. Teachers will provide lessons that model a typical day during a normal school year. Assignments will be graded and attendance will be recorded.

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* Low enrollment numbers in some middle and high school Virtual Academy courses may need to be taught by a Michigan Department of Education approved third party vendor with a Royal Oak mentor teacher. |
<p>| Staff and students will access lessons, materials, and resources from Canvas (Learning Management System) | Staff and students will access all lessons, materials, and resources from the Accelerate online learning system as part of an agreement with Oakland County and Genesee County Intermediate School Districts. |
| All instruction will be designed and taught by teachers following Royal Oak curriculum and Michigan state standards | Classes will be taught by a Royal Oak teacher using Accelerate, a third party content provider. Lessons are aligned to the Royal Oak curriculum. |
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Students will engage in remote learning until November 6. At that time, Royal Oak Schools will evaluate whether or not to:
• continue remote learning or
• move to our hybrid model (a blend of remote and traditional in-person learning).

At the end of the first semester VA students can:
• decide to continue in the Virtual Academy for the remainder of the year
• transition to the traditional learning
• join the Virtual Academy if they have been attending traditional learning

A technology device will be provided to those students that are in need of technology at home.

What is the commitment time frame for joining the Royal Oak Virtual Academy?
We are asking for a one semester commitment for students who enroll.

Will my child be able to return to their home school?
Enrolling in the Virtual Academy will not change your student's home school placement.

Will there be social emotional learning and supports for students in the Virtual Academy?
Yes. Our teachers will provide social emotional lessons and supports for all students. Students and families will also have access to a general education social worker with virtual appointments scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time.

Are there any high school courses that would not be available in VA?
Possibly. Some unique courses may not be available in the VA.

Will my child be in a virtual class with students from other Royal Oak schools?
Yes. They may be in a grade level class with students in their grade from across the district and their teacher may not be from the building where they are currently enrolled.

Are you taking attendance for the virtual school?
Yes. Teachers will keep logs that will be used to track attendance according to the pupil accounting rules.

How are assessments completed?
All assessments will be completed online or submitted online.

Will grading be the same for the Virtual Academy as it is in traditional programs?
Yes, students will receive grades like traditional learning and will also receive report cards for all marking periods.
**Students with IEPs and 504 Plans**
IEPs and 504 Plans will be honored. However, specialized instruction and therapies will only be virtual. Caseload managers will work with families to ensure their current IEPs and 504s include a Contingency Learning Plan to determine what level of support is necessary in the virtual setting.

**Who will be my child’s teacher?**
Our virtual academy classes will be taught by Royal Oak Schools teachers. Virtual Academy classes will be composed of students and teachers from across the district. Think of the Virtual Academy as a district-wide virtual school.

**Will my student be able to participate in extracurricular activities?**
All students who are enrolled in the Virtual academy will be able to access extra-curricular activities and athletics in the same manner as their peers.

**Will my child be able to receive a technology device from the district if we are not able to provide one?**
Yes, Royal Oak Schools is committed to providing technology devices to students as needed in order for them to participate in remote online learning.

**What print materials will be sent home? Will these be the same resources being used by the students who are in school?**
We will work with families to ensure students have all the materials they need to fully participate in the Virtual Academy. Students in the Virtual Academy will not necessarily be doing the same activities as students in the traditional classroom. Students will cover the same standards, but the activities may be different.