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Mountain Brook Virtual Program

Questions & Answers

Q. What are the enrollment criteria for Mountain Brook Virtual Program (MBVP)?

A. The requirements for student enrollment are that the student:

- Reside in one of the school zones served by the Mountain Brook Board of Education
- Be a rising 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student
- Have consistent, daily access to the Internet
- Meet all other requirements for enrollment in Mountain Brook Schools, even though physical attendance is not required
- Must have a 3.0 cumulative average to apply for consideration in the program
- Must have no more than 5 unexcused absences the previous school year
- Must have had no major disciplinary infractions on their record, such as suspensions or alternative disciplinary placements

Q. What curriculum does the MBVP use?

A. The MBVP primarily uses the curriculum of ACCESS Distance Learning (Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, & Students Statewide), a program administered by the Alabama State Department of Education. All course curricula are aligned to the Alabama Course of Study. Additionally, Mountain Brook Schools reserves the right to select courses from other approved online curriculum providers.

Q. Do MBVP students have face-to-face requirements?

A. Yes, MBVP students have face-to-face obligations for orientation, state-mandated assessments, course tests, and weekly conferences. All course tests must be taken on the MBVP campus and will be proctored by MBVP staff. Students considering the MBVP are expected report to campus as much as required, depending on their testing requirements, which will be determined in consultation with the MBVP counselor. State mandated tests are taken on the campus of the school for which the student is zoned. Should a student not meet the obligations of required coursework the student will be required to attend class on the MBVP campus.



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Q. How is attendance recorded for MBVP students?

A. Attendance is recorded based on weekly progress. For some students with written plans, a more specific attendance policy may be set in place by their team based on individual need.

Q. How are grades recorded on the transcript for MBVP students?

A. When students finish their classes, documentation regarding the students' final grades is sent to the base school counselor. The counselor posts the grades to the students' transcripts and places the documentation into the students' cumulative folder. All courses will be designated as virtual coursework on the transcript.

Q. Are MBVP students required to take state assessments?

A. Yes, all MBVP students are required to take all state mandated assessments on site at their home zoned school. All 10th grade students take the ACT Aspire in the fall term, and all 11th grade students take the ACT Plus Writing in the spring term. Seniors take the ACT WorkKeys after winter break.

Q. How many credits per year are MBVP students required to take?

A. Students are required to take at least seven credits per year. Four of the seven credits must be core classes (math, science, English, and social studies) unless the student has accumulated more core credits than is required for the student to remain on track for graduation. Students may be allowed to earn additional credits, not to exceed ten per year.

Q. Does the MBVP follow the Mountain Brook Schools academic calendar?

A. The MBVP operates on a standard semester system in accordance with the Mountain Brook Schools' academic calendar. Most classes are offered in a full year format or a "block" format. The starting and ending date of virtual classes, regardless of the format, is determined by the Alabama State Department of Education and is closely aligned with Mountain Brook Schools' academic calendar. Other online courses which could be used by the MBVP are in line with the system's academic calendar as well.



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Q. Are MBVP students permitted to graduate early?

A. Yes, students are permitted to accelerate their high school course progression. The MBVP operates as a nine-month program (fall and spring terms). Students are allowed to take additional courses under the condition that they maintain the minimum pace across all currently enrolled courses. Students that graduate early have the option to participate in the graduation ceremony of the academic year coursework is completed.

Q. Does the MBVP have any extracurricular or sports programs?

A. MBVP students may participate in athletic and extracurricular programs at their base schools. If a base high school requires its students to take specific athletic, weight training, or other organization-required courses, then participating MBVP students will be required to take these classes on site as well.

Q. What happens if a student fails a course?

A. Students who fail one or more courses may be removed from the program. To recover the credit, students may be required to attend summer school. All courses attempted or completed will be recorded on the student's transcript and calculated in the cumulative GPA.

Q. Are students whose education is guided by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) eligible for MBVP?

A. Decisions regarding enrolling students with an IEP will be made on a case-by-case basis, as determined by each student's particular IEP team. Having an IEP is not an obstacle to enrollment in the MBVP. This is also true for students who have other individualized plans for their education program, such as a 504 plan.

Q. What are the deadlines to apply?

A. Fall: July 1
Spring: December 1