

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What materials does Leavenworth Virtual School provide?

Students will be using Calvert Curriculum. Saxon Math can be substituted for Calvert Math. Students will be provided with all textbooks, workbooks, and manipulatives that are necessary for certain portions of the curriculum.

2. What subjects and grades are offered?

The Leavenworth Virtual School will offer Kindergarten through 12th Grade online classes. The curriculum will provide a full year of academic course work, complete with extension activities for extra enrichment and remediation for students who need extra help.

3. Can I still home school?

Although the Leavenworth Virtual School program is funded by the State, you are still schooling your children at home.

Parent involvement in this kind of program is fundamental. Without your input, creativity, and reinforcement, a virtual school program for elementary children would never be a success. Your planning and direction will be crucial to making this program work for your child.

4. How much does it cost?

The Leavenworth Virtual School Program is program funded by the State. There is only a \$45.00 enrollment fee associated with the program and the materials that students receive through these programs.

5. How will my child be graded?

The Leavenworth Virtual School Program is based on the mastery learning concept. Students will be expected to score 80% or better on assessments. Facilitators will work with students who do not score in this range in order to ensure that students understand key concepts and are learning the necessary material. Remediation may be provided by way of additional teaching materials to parents, or through tutoring sessions on site or at a site of the parents' choice.

6. Do I need a computer and an Internet connection for my child to enroll?

One computer per family is available for lease from the Virtual School for a \$100 deposit. It will be up to each family to provide the online connectivity for the children who take on-line classes.

7. Will my child have a teacher with whom to talk?

Yes! Children will be able to call, or e-mail the teacher (facilitator) on a regular basis. The facilitator will keep track of the weekly assessments that your child takes in each curricular area. Regular progress reports will be sent to the parents, and the facilitator will work with the child and the parents to make sure that the student is mastering each area of the curriculum.

8. How will the facilitators in the Leavenworth Virtual School know what grade level in which to place my child?

All children will start by taking pre-assessments so that they can be placed in the appropriate grade level materials. Students will be pre-assessed at the beginning of the school year.

9. What happens if my child is struggling with the work?

The Leavenworth Virtual School facilitator who has been assigned to your child will work with you. You may be given additional practice materials and manipulatives to use in working with your child or tutoring sessions may be set up on campus so that your child can receive specialized assistance.

10. Will my child be able to go through the materials more quickly if he/she is capable of doing more than one lesson daily?

Although this will probably not occur frequently, there may be children who move through the material at a more rapid pace.

These children will then be tested and promoted to the next grade level.

11. What are the advantages of this online program?

There are many advantages!

- a. The Leavenworth Virtual School provides parents with a structured, sequential program that is aligned with State of Kansas and national standards for an annual book rental fee of \$45.00!
- b. The program allows students to work at their own pace, year-round.
- c. It ensures that all curricular areas are covered and that students receive both enrichment and remediation, as needed.
- d. The program provides a certified teacher (facilitator) and on-campus tutoring for those who need additional assistance.
- e. It is based on the needs of families who choose to school their children at home.
- f. Its students may participate in field trips and/or Friday Fun Days sponsored by the Leavenworth Virtual School!