

**Martin Virtual School**  
**Program Information/Participant Agreement**

*HB 7067, passed in 2008, created s.1002.45 of the Florida Statutes. The statute states, "Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, each school district shall provide eligible students within its boundaries the option of participating in a virtual instruction program."*

**Martin County School District** has established the Martin Virtual School (MVS) to provide our students with a high quality virtual program for the 2009-2010 school year. MVS consists of a full-time program for students in grades K-12. The following information is provided to allow families to make an informed decision about enrollment in MVS for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Eligibility** - Section 1002.45, Florida Statutes restricts student eligibility for the district virtual instruction program to students residing within the district's attendance area, if the student meets at least one of the following conditions:

- Students must have spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in Florida OR
- Be the dependent of a member of the military who was transferred in the last 12 months OR
- Was enrolled during the prior school year in a K-8 Virtual School Program under s. 1002.415, F.S.

**Attendance**- MVS is a full-time program. Therefore, students will receive all instruction through this program and will be prohibited from accessing any instructional programs from other public schools. Furthermore, students will not be granted access to any other virtual school programs as a part of the school day. Attendance in the program is expected to be for the entire 180 day school year and attendance will be taken each day. Martin County School District attendance policy will apply to MVS.

**Promotion** – MVS is a public school in Martin County and therefore students will be held to promotion requirements of Martin and the state of Florida.

**Standardized Tests** – Students enrolled in MVS are considered public school students and are therefore, required to participate in all state and district mandated testing. The tests are not administered online so students must provide their own transportation to the student's zoned school. Students failing to participate in the required testing will not be allowed to continue enrollment with MVS.

**Learning Coach** – Each family must have a learning coach, a responsible adult, who is available approximately 5 hours per day to monitor students' computer access, engage in student follow up activities, facilitate learning, provide support with homework assignments, manage the receipt and use of instructional materials and ensure student participation in FCAT and other mandatory testing.

**Withdrawal** – Enrollment in the MVS is expected to be a commitment for one school year. Students withdrawing from MVS will be required to return to their zoned school. Students who participated in choice programs prior to enrollment in MVS will forfeit their seat in the choice program upon enrollment in MVS. Students and parents will need to reapply for any choice or out of area assignments for subsequent years.

**Technology** – To be successful in the program, students must have daily, dedicated access to a computer, monitor, printer and internet access. A family who does not have this technology in the home may be eligible to receive the technology and an internet stipend by completing the Technology Request Application. In limited situations families may be provided the technology.

**Registration Materials** – MVS is a public school and therefore all enrollment requirements established by the Florida Department of Education and Martin County Public Schools must be met. Families will be required to complete all registration materials and supply the necessary documentation to enroll a child in MVS.

**McKay Scholarship** – Students on a McKay Scholarship will forfeit their scholarship eligibility if they enroll in the PROGRAM. A student may not establish eligibility for the McKay Scholarship based solely upon attendance at the PROGRAM or Florida Virtual School because it does not create IEPs.

**Exceptional Student Education** – Martin County School District offers a continuum of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services to those students eligible for these services. Individual Educational Plans (IEP) are developed by the IEP Team which then determines the placement and the school where these services can be received. All ESE services are not available at every school. MVS Program is a choice option available to all eligible Martin County School District students. Parents have the right to choose MVS as a school of choice for their student; however, when an ESE student enrolls in MVS, the IEP will be rewritten to a virtual setting. Auxiliary services such as speech, language, and occupational therapy will be offered through the student’s zoned school. Transportation to the zoned school will be the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian. Therefore, parents of ESE students who choose to enroll their student recognize the limitation and alterations to the IEP services for the duration of enrollment in the MVS.

By choosing to enroll my child in the MVS School, I understand that:

- My child’s IEP will be modified prior to enrolling in MVS.
- My child can receive auxiliary services (Speech/Language, OT) while enrolled in MVS through zoned school programs.
- My child will not be dismissed from the ESE program.
- My child may return to the designated IEP site at anytime and receive his/her full FAPE IEP.

**Enrollment in MVS is a commitment by both the student and family. Failure to meet program requirements may jeopardize eligibility for the following school year.**

**By signing below, you are indicating your knowledge of the commitment necessary and your agreement with the program policies and expectations.**

If enrolling more than one student, this agreement must be signed for each student.

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Student Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent email address (please print)

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Current School of Enrollment