



K-8 Maize By Design Maize Virtual Preparatory School USD#266 Maize, Kansas

The goal of our Maize By Design program is to help students find their love of learning.

Who can enroll?

Maize Virtual Preparatory School (MVPS) serves students in grades K-12 who reside in the state of Kansas. The Maize By Design program is open to students in grades K-8.

- **Residency Requirement** - Families must provide at least one of the following documents during the enrollment process to demonstrate Kansas residency; however, students who are unable to demonstrate a fixed residence will not be denied admission.
 - Copy of a utility bill with a home address within the state
 - Copy of a housing agreement with a home address within the state
 - Property tax receipt
 - Other documentation accepted on a case-by-case basis

- **Age Requirement** - Families will be asked to provide a copy of the student's birth certificate or a copy of a passport during the enrollment process.
 - To enroll in Kindergarten at MVPS, a student must be 5 years of age on or before August 31st of the current school year.
 - To enroll in 1st grade at MVPS, a student must be 6 years of age on or before August 31st of the current school year.

Suspended/Expelled Students

MVPS does not enroll students who are suspended or expelled from another school.

***Dual Enrollment** - *MVPS does not allow students to be dually enrolled in another public school.*

What Is The Cost?

Since MVPS is a public school, enrollment is tuition free. However, there is a \$100 annual application fee per student.

What Is Included?

Your student will receive:

- A Chromebook to use for the school year (including technical support)
- Curriculum - books, materials and online resources
- Support from a Kansas certified teacher
- Opportunities to meet with other students both in-person (various locations around the state) and online as part of a supportive learning community

Maize By Design - How Does It Work?

Each student who enters our program is unique, and therefore, each student's plan of study is individualized. Once a student has completed the application, an Individual Learning Plan Conference is scheduled with an MVPS teacher, the parent, and the student. During this conference, the student will complete an intake assessment to identify strength and growth areas. Interest areas are also identified. The student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) is built utilizing curriculum options and additional online tools. Students are placed on or above grade level with additional supports and materials as needed. We have a variety of curriculum from which to choose but seek to build a plan that is optimal for each student.

Each student's curriculum plan consists of a:

- Core Curriculum - *Moving Beyond the Page* or *Bookshark*. These core curriculums include reading, language arts, social studies and science.
- Math - *Math Mammoth*, *RightStart Mathematics*, *Moving Beyond the Page Math*, *Primary Math*, *Saxon*, or *Algebra 1* (by Paul Foerster). We also utilize *Khan Academy*, *Study Island*, *Math Seeds*, and additional online support via our Learning Management System.

Additional Resources may be utilized in a student's individual learning plan based on student need and interest such as:

- Kansas History Unit - Online lessons
- Expanded Learning - Art (online) PE (online)
- ITC - Innovative Technology Class

- *Treasure Hunt Reading*
- *Lexia*
- *Power-up*
- *Study Island*
- *Math Seeds*
- *Beast Academy*
- *No Red Ink* (Grammar/Writing)
- *Building Writers*
- *Thoughtful Learning* - Writing
- *Gizmos* - Explore Learning (math and science)

Besides Residency And Age, Do You Have Other Requirements?

Learning Guide - A learning guide must be present and able to work with the student. Our program is built on a partnership between the teacher and the parent or other adult fulfilling the learning guide role. It is expected that the learning guide be available each school day to implement the MVPS curriculum and supervise the student. Although there is flexibility in the daily schedule, consistent engagement and lesson progression is required. Regular communication with the student's teacher as defined by the student's individual learning plan is also an essential component. Our teachers are available via email, phone calls, and virtual platforms such as Zoom. It is expected that teacher response time is no more than 24 hours on school days. Typically, response time is much faster.

Internet - It is the family's responsibility to obtain internet access.

Signed Assurances - We ask that parents sign the assurances as part of our enrollment process each year. *(A copy of 2023-24 K-8 Assurances is on p. 6 of this document.)*

State Assessments - Students enrolled in grades 3 through 8 are expected to take state assessments in April. These are scheduled in various areas around the state.

Participation in Count Days - Students are required to log and document 6 hours of online/offline time on two days in September. Specific directions are provided in advance to learning guides prior to the count days.

Immunizations

As per Kansas Statute 72-6262, all children upon entry to school must be appropriately vaccinated as deemed necessary by the State Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Medical and religious exemptions are the only exceptions recognized by the statute.

What Additional Support/Services Do You Provide?

Student/Parent Orientation

Parents are provided with an opportunity for face-to-face or online orientation in August.

In-Person Activities (optional)- We provide in-person activities and field trips in various locations around the state.

Multi-Tiered Support

MVPS uses a tiered support system to help students who struggle with learning. Interventions will be provided to meet the educational needs of the student as needed. Our goal at MVPS is that all students find their love of learning, and we ensure early intervention for the struggling learner.

Special Education

Special Education services will be provided virtually through web-based sessions with licensed providers.

The special education student will be placed in grade level general education courses. Accommodations for grade-level curriculum will be defined in the student's IEP. The student will receive direct instruction related to the student's IEP goals in an online classroom.

The special education teacher and general education teacher will provide assistance to the learning coach. The learning coach will provide the student with in-person, one-on-one guidance as needed.

Students with Disabilities

Students who qualify for a section 504 plan or are currently receiving accommodations or other services are admitted in the same manner as general education students meeting admission requirements.

What Sets MVPS Apart?

Our rich curriculum and our dedicated staff and parents set MVPS apart. We are able to adjust the curriculum to the needs of the student. Both core curricula utilize many pieces of literature and allow for immersive exploration. We embrace parents as educational partners. The dedicated MVPS parents choose to be actively involved in their child's education and are essential to our model. Our teachers are passionate about supporting families in their educational journey and have years of expertise supporting students learning at home. This combination is powerful in providing an amazing educational experience for students. MVPS is a wonderful learning community!

Is MVPS The Right Fit?

MVPS is open to all students in Kansas, but we realize we are not a fit for all students. We may be a great educational option if

- You are wanting to actively be involved in your child's education and are ready to dedicate time each day to this endeavor
- You are committed to an education full of enrichment and learning
- You would love the support of a dedicated certified teacher
- You would enjoy learning along with your child as you explore rich curriculum and online resources
- You and your child would enjoy being part of a learning community committed to educational excellence

K-8 Assurances 2023-2024

- _____ I understand that an MVPS education is a **journey to excellence**.
- _____ I understand that MVPS focuses on a positive, supportive community in which we embrace and recognize all of our talents.
- _____ I am committed to an education full of enrichment in finding my child's love of learning.
- _____ I accept the responsibility to implement and supervise my student in using the MVPS curriculum.
- _____ I understand that MVPS is a public school. Assigned teachers are accountable for student learning.
- _____ I recognize that regular communication as defined in the Individual Learning Plan with our teacher is an essential component to the **excellence, commitment, and rigor of MVPS**.
- _____ As the Learning Guide*, I understand that it is my responsibility to work daily with my child as defined by their Individual Learning Plan. Consistent lesson progression is an essential component to the excellence, commitment, and rigor of MVPS.
- _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to secure internet service from an internet service provider.
- _____ I understand that my child's MVPS core curriculum will be provided by the school as defined in their Individual Learning Plan.
- _____ I understand that students are required to be full-time students at MVPS.
- _____ I understand that the school-issued chromebook is designated for the assigned student's educational use only. Students will return the chromebook in good working condition when directed to do so.
- _____ I understand that MVPS is a public school and follows the Kansas health and immunization guideline requirements. If my student is not up to date, I will be contacted by the district nurse and be required to provide proof of immunizations needed in a timely manner.
- _____ I understand that MVPS is an optional public school. It is expected that my child will participate in the Kansas State assessments, complete the attendance audit, and consistently work toward learning goals as defined by the student's Individual Learning Plan.
- _____ I attest that I am a resident of Kansas, proof of residence and address submitted are the same.
- _____ I understand there is a \$100.00 annual application fee for Kindergarten through 8th grade.

_____ I agree that if I change my mind about continuing enrollment with MVPS after **April 27th**, I will have to pay a \$150.00 curriculum processing/restocking fee plus the cost associated with the return of the curriculum materials (if received) and the \$100.00 application fee for a total of \$250.00.

_____ I understand that if I choose to leave MVPS during the 2023-2024 school year, I will not be eligible to enroll in the future. ***This does not apply to students who leave in good standing at the completion of the year or have prior administrative approval to re enroll.***

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