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Lapeer Virtual (LV)

What is virtual schooling?

Students in grades K-12 can enroll as a full-time student in Lapeer Community Schools and receive their courses through online providers or with a blended schedule that includes both traditional and online courses. Virtual learning provides a student with a flexible schedule in terms of when and where learning takes place. Typically, courses are delivered via the Web, so students can work anytime and anywhere they have internet access. The district provides a computer and broadband internet access, if needed.

Who can enroll?

Students in grades K-12 (and under 20 years old on September 1st) and residing in Lapeer, Oakland, Genesee, Tuscola, Sanilac, St. Clair and Macomb counties can enroll as full-time virtual students. Homeschool and Other Non-Public School Students may enroll in the district for non-essential courses.

Each course has a "teacher on the other end" – a content expert to assist the students. The district provides a local mentor – a teacher that supports the student. Students must maintain consistent participation and progress, and have regular communication with their mentor and teachers.

Students taking virtual classes through LV may participate in extracurricular activities (according to rules or policies associated with the activities). LV juniors take the SAT test as part of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). Upon graduation, students earn a Lapeer Community Schools diploma. All virtual students must participate in state and local achievement testing.

The district provides an academic advising orientation regarding program policies, guidelines, and online content. LV offers a comprehensive virtual course catalog, including core subjects as well as a wide variety of electives. Families interested in taking virtual classes may use the following LV link to view classes as well as online curriculum vendors and optional learning opportunities: **Curriculum Options | Lapeer Virtual Partnership**. During the registration process, families will meet with an academic advising team to ensure appropriate vendors and classes are selected to meet the learning style and educational needs for their students. The district reviews transcripts/records of work, develops a schedule of courses, and provides tuition free curriculum (up to 12 courses per year).

Art Start Year 1 K-2

Year 1 introduces the joy of visual expression through sensory play and basic media exploration, focusing on how color and shape communicate personal stories and feelings.

Art Start Year 2 K-2

Year 2 builds creative confidence by expanding material experimentation and observational skills, helping students recognize art in their everyday environments.

Art Start Year 3 K-2

Year 3 refines foundational artistic expression through a variety of media while fostering a deeper curiosity about how diverse global cultures create and share meaningful artwork.

Art Studio Year 1 3-5

Year 1 transitions students into intentional art-making by blending technical skill with creative problem-solving and the study of global artistic traditions.

Art Studio Year 2 3-5

Year 2 challenges students to synthesize diverse materials and concepts to develop original visual solutions while strengthening their independent creative voice.

Art Studio Year 3 3-5

Year 3 elevates artistic independence through advanced composition and the analysis of how visual culture reflects history, identity, and professional career paths.

Elementary Nutrition 1 Semester K-5

Students will learn about the five food groups, how fruit and vegetables are grown, how to read a recipe, how to cook basic meals and snacks with multiple food groups, and other nutrition/health related skills.

Elementary Spanish I

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Elementary Spanish III

Elementary Spanish III strengthens linguistic connections for students with a strong foundation through a focus on family dynamics, daily routines, and traditional social games.

Sound Start Year 1 K-2

Year 1 introduces the foundations of rhythm and melody through joyful singing, instrument play, and creative movement that explores how music communicates feelings and stories.

Sound Start Year 2 K-2

Year 2 builds musical coordination and active listening skills by engaging students in patterns and games that emphasize contrasting sounds and collaborative performance.

Sound Start Year 3 K-2

Year 3 refines foundational musicianship through expressive movement and creative activities, fostering a deeper curiosity about how diverse global cultures create music and traditions.

Sound Skills Year 1 3-5

Year 1 engages upper-elementary students in active music-making that blends performance and creative exploration with an emphasis on accuracy, control, and musical awareness.

Sound Skills Year 2 3-5

Year 2 challenges students to take a more active role in the musical process through independent projects and activities that strengthen their personal musical ear.

Sound Skills Year 3 3-5

Year 3 elevates musical leadership and critical thinking by connecting technical skills to broader historical, cultural, and scientific contexts within the world of music.

Stem 1 Semester K-5

Computer Science further develops problem-solving skills across science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by promoting the use of modeling, breaking down complex problems into smaller, more manageable tasks, and collecting and analyzing data to find effective solutions fostering collaboration.

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