



VMMS Virtual School Parent Guide



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| Vista Magnet Middle School Website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Link |
| Reach A Teacher Schedule | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Schedule |
| Student Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Checklist • Virtual Viper Code of Conduct |
| AERIES & Parent Portal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Parent Portal • Instructions Eng. Parent Portal • Internet Safety (See Virtual Viper Code of Conduct) |
| Weekly Agendas by Grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Contains a list of assignments/tasks for each class) • See Weekly Agendas posted weekly on VMMS Website in Advisory presentation |
| Google Classroom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Navigate Google Classroom (Eng) • How to Navigate Google Classroom (Span) <p>*Presented by staff from Madison Middle School</p> |
| Special Education & English Learners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Resources • Additional Resources for Students with IEPs • EL Resources |
| How to contact Teachers or Counselors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Us Webpage • Teacher Email Addresses • Counseling Info |
| Need social-emotional support for your student? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to your child's Counselor. • District Resources |
| Your student can't remember their google password? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You or your student can email their 1st period teacher (Teacher Email Addresses) and they will be able to reset the password. |
| Chromebook Assistance? Need Internet Assistance? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebook Tech Support • Troubleshooting FAQs and the Chromebook Troubleshooting PDF. • District IT Support • The Cox Connect2Compete program: www.cox.com/c2c, or call 1-855- 222-3252. • Cox Hotspots: Please visit www.cox.com/hotspots for Cox WiFi Hotspots. |
| VUSD Virtual School Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vista Virtual School Website • VUSD MIDDLE SCHOOL Online Instruction Plan • VMMS Virtual School Website |
| Nutritional Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VUSD WaveCrest Resources |
| Health and Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VUSD Health & Safety Resources |

Viper Parent/Guardian FAQs

How will I know what my student is supposed to do each week?

All of your student's teachers have Google Classrooms which is the platform all secondary students are using to access our Virtual School. ([SEE STUDENT CHECKLIST](#)) On Monday of each week, students are to start with viewing an Advisory presentation available in their Village Google Classroom. Every week there will be an agenda that covers what needs to be completed each week located in the Village Google Classroom, Advisory presentation, and posted on the school website. A suggestion is to print the agenda out and use it as a checklist to keep your student accountable, students are also welcome to utilize their school planner to help them stay organized. Also, it is recommended that you join each Google Classroom as a guardian (send an email request to your child's teacher and you will be added to all your child's Google classrooms). You can get daily/weekly reports via email about classwork to see if your student is turning in their work. Parents will be able to see if the assignments are missing, submitted, graded, etc. Please DO NOT add yourself as a "student" in your child's Google classrooms by using the access codes, this creates issues for the teacher's rosters and gradebook.

How will students be accountable?

All students will be held accountable for their learning as IB learners. Citizenship and Work Habits still matter in a virtual setting. Your student will be practicing very important skills in self-motivation and self-monitoring as they navigate and take charge of their learning every day. Every assignment that is given has to be turned in on Google Classroom. If a child does not meet the expectation, feedback is given to them and may be asked to resubmit in order to receive credit. Students that are not keeping up with their assignments will be notified directly by the teacher via emails. Should a pattern of missing work continue, parents will also be notified via email and/or phone call. Students' progress will be checked through assessments like quizzes which will gauge students' understanding and provide valuable data for the teacher to adjust the instruction as needed. Teachers will also provide feedback on assignments to promote student understanding of content and growth. Feedback is meant to support students as they work to their potential.

My student is completing work late at night and seems to be rushing/procrastinating. What can I do to help?

It is important that you and your child create a shared agreement to a daily schedule and clear expectations for being a student at home. This can be a challenge. However, middle school students still need structure and boundaries to help them make positive choices in their learning. It is helpful to write the schedule/expectations and post them in a common area in your home to show the importance of being a "virtual student" who is still "attending" school. It is ok, to give them consequences (i.e. limiting social screen-time, access to video games/TV) if your student isn't meeting their learning expectations.

Will my student participate in "live" meetings?

Currently, all VUSD teachers have the **option** to do "live" video chats with students via Google Meets. Many teachers **may choose** to host a live meeting as a check-in and way for students to feel connected (social-emotional support). Most teachers will be recording instructional videos or narrated slides presentations that can be watched at any time and will support student access to curriculum content. All students are aware of the Virtual Viper Code of Conduct that delineates behavior expectations in a virtual environment.

How are the students supposed to ask questions about assignments?

Please see the VMMS Reach A Teacher Schedule. This provides designated “office hours” for your student’s teachers. This scheduled shows when teachers are available for student support, questions and answers, feedback, virtual lessons, small and whole group discussions, and/or assignment completion. ****Students with IEPs, follow the schedule shared by Case Manager.*** Students/Parents/Guardians can always send their teachers an email with questions or requests for support. Many teachers have discussion boards with FAQs linked into their Google Classrooms that students can view. Students can also “comment/post” questions directly in their Google Classrooms.

How can I stay connected to VMMS?

It is important your email and phone number is current in your child’s AERIES profile. Changes can be made through Parent Portal (access instructions are located in this document). Here are the avenues of school-wide communication you can expect and will help you stay connected:

- 1) School Messenger calls every Sunday evening
- 2) VMMS website (Mr. Post’s Video Blog and other announcements will be posted on the homepage)
- 3) VMMS PTA Facebook

If you still have questions and cannot find the answer via the sources listed above, always feel free to email your child’s teachers, VMMS office staff, and/or Administration. We are in this together and are happy to help!