

## Elementary Virtual Option 2021-2022 Mountain Brook Schools

Mountain Brook Schools is partnering with Edmentum EdOptions Academy for students who opt for virtual instruction. The program provides high-quality, Alabama-certified teachers experienced in online instruction, flexible program implementation and management designed for virtual learning, and is accredited by Cognia (formerly AdvancEd.)

### **CURRICULUM**

K - 5th Grade Calvert Learning	Calvert curriculum and content will be guided and graded by Edmentum EdOptions Academy certified teachers. Calvert curriculum features comprehensive digital curricula in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
K - 5th Grade Exact Path	Exact Path will serve as an independent program that students will access approximately four (4) days per week for 20 – 60 minutes per session. Exact Path utilizes adaptive diagnostic assessments paired with individualized learning paths to promote academic growth. Exact Path is a complement to the Calvert curriculum by focusing on understanding where students are academically and providing just-in-time independent instruction. Edmentum EdOptions Academy teachers will monitor progress and adjust instruction as appropriate.
6th Grade Courseware	Courseware, Edmentum’s standards-aligned digital curricula and virtual learning platform, is designed to be flexible, dynamic, and personalized to meet the unique needs of each learner. It is built on a foundation of research-based design principles and implementation, including mastery learning, active and engaged learning, deliberate practice, explicit instruction, scaffolding, and metacognitive strategies. Experienced virtual teachers support students through regular contact, comprehensive assignment feedback, and synchronous support via office hours and unit reviews.

### **SYNCHRONOUS SUPPORT**

Live Lessons, Live Help, Office Hours, and Synchronous Overview Sessions:

- (K-5th) Highly qualified and certified EdOptions Academy teachers offer 30 – 60 minute live lessons and live help aligned to the coursework. Although live lessons and live help are optional, students and Family Learning Guides are encouraged to attend. Live lessons and live help are available at various times throughout the day to provide flexibility, allow for smaller group sizes, encourage collaboration, build community, allow for time to ask questions, and offer support. Students and Family Learning Guides will have several opportunities to connect with teachers and enhance the learning

experience. EdOptions Academy teachers will provide direct instruction around the concepts aligned to the curriculum following the sound pedagogy of introduction, practice, and assessment during each live lesson. EdOptions Academy teachers reinforce and enrich learning using engaging virtual instructional practices.

- (6th Grade) Experienced virtual teachers offer 60 minute synchronous overview sessions to introduce the Unit, provide an overview of the assignments, discuss major concepts and misconceptions, and provide links to important resources. Students can get questions answered and get help planning their weekly schedule to complete the Unit on pace. Synchronous overview sessions will help students organize their learning path, regardless of where they are in the Unit. Office hours are also available throughout the week to offer individual and small group support. Sessions will consist of approximately 30 minutes of planned content and 30 minutes of Q & A related to the Unit.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

### Recorded Lessons and Resources

Lessons are recorded by Edmentum EdOptions Academy teachers to support learning and provide flexibility. Recorded lessons can be used to introduce skills before learners engage in independent practice and submit assignments for review and acceleration.

### Teacher Access & Support

Edmentum EdOptions Academy teachers will consistently connect with students and Family Learning Guides throughout the academic year to:

- Encourage engagement in the learning journey
- Develop a partnership, create comfort, and build rapport
- Share data and progress monitoring
- Highlight opportunities for growth and celebrate glows
- Provide a great experience

## **AT HOME SUPPORT**

### Role of the Family Learning Guide (K - Grade 5)

- Preview/scan lesson parts and Teaching Notes daily
- Support student in navigating the curriculum
- Monitor student Dashboard for performance progress, and teacher feedback
- Familiarize yourself with Projects
- Review Project and Use for Mastery rubrics
- Communicate concerns and student needs to teachers

- Establish a learning space for the student
- Monitor student behavior as necessary during live lessons/live help
- For grades K-1: read aloud directions and assessments as necessary

#### Role of At-Home Support (Grade 6)

- Encourage student to attend synchronous overview sessions
- Support student with organization and planning their weekly schedule
- Review daily progress
- Assist with questions if possible or help student with formulating questions for the teacher
- Provide support and encouragement
- Hold student accountable when necessary