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# Mountain Brook Virtual Program

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Mountain Brook Virtual Program (MBVP) is to provide students who reside within the residential zones served by Mountain Brook Schools the option to complete a program of courses to allow graduation and receipt of a Mountain Brook High School diploma through an online, virtual program.

Courses will follow the Courses of Study developed by the Alabama Department of Education and meet the standards established by the State Board of Education.

By selecting the virtual option, students also assume increased responsibility in personal time management, organization, self-direction, and personal discipline to complete the course and school requirements.

## **Method**

Students participating in the MBVP must have daily access to the Internet. Courses will be web-based (accessed through the Internet). Students will also be required to agree to and sign the MBVA Academic Integrity Contract.

Courses will have their own pacing guidelines, which students must follow to achieve the pre-determined goals. Based on a student's four-year plan, early graduation may be possible.

## **Requirements**

Students:

- Are required to reside within the legal Mountain Brook school zone.
- Must maintain consistent, reliable daily access to the Internet, either at their home or other location available to them.
- Must have a 3.0 cumulative average to apply for consideration into the program.
- Must have no more than 5 unexcused absences the previous school year.
- Must have had no major disciplinary infractions on their record, such as suspensions or alternative disciplinary placements.
- Must maintain a passing grade, determined at the semester grading period, in each course taken.
- Must take all tests, semester exams, and any others determined by administration, at the student services building. Students will be required to schedule tests with the MBVP supervisor. Outside proctors are not allowed.
- Must remain in good standing in the MBVP. Any discipline infraction may result in immediate dismissal from the virtual school program.



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- Must participate in a weekly conference with the MBVP administration if students become inactive or have an alert on their account.
- Are required to take any Alabama mandated tests and must do so at the Mountain Brook school for which they are zoned. The MBVP supervisor will ensure testing dates and requirements are known to VP students.
- Whose education program and pathway is determined by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may apply for enrollment if the IEP team determines the MBVP is the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for that student. In doing so, the MBVP will follow the guidelines published by the State Department of Education on December 11, 2015, “Virtual Schools (and Programs) Guidance for Students with Disabilities.”
- Whose grade falls below a 70, in any course taken, may be required to attend the ALC daily until the grade improves.

### **Extracurricular and Technology**

- Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Students are required to meet all organization requirements.
- Students are responsible for insuring that their coursework meets NCAA eligibility standards, if that is a necessity. See additional agreement.
- The school district will provide students in the virtual program any devices that are provided to Mountain Brook students in the same grade.

### **Deadlines**

- Fall: July 1
- Spring: December 1