

S24 Michigan Virtual Intro Letter (*info required):

Hello,

You are receiving this since you have a student(s) registered for a Michigan Virtual class via the Berrien Springs Partnership for the Spring 2024 semester. **Please read through this letter and reply with the requested email account information below.** It is important that I receive this information asap to set up the student account with Michigan Virtual. If you feel you received this in error please respond and let me know.

Note for past Michigan Virtual students:** *If you have taken a MV class previously via the Partnership then you **only** need to reply indicating your **preferred start date (1/5, 1/12 or 1/19)** and your new class will be added to your account, no new info is required. You will receive a welcome letter from me after your course has been added to your account. ***all AP classes begin 1/12 and all Chinese language classes begin 1/19.

Account Set Up Info request: *Each user* will require a unique and valid email address which will also serve as their username when accessing the Student Learning Portal. **Please reply with the preferred email address* to be used for your student's Michigan Virtual classes** (*disregard if you have already sent this info to me). I will need this info **before they can start their course** as there can **only be one person/account per email address**. If the family has multiple students, then each account will need to have a different email address. Student accounts will be set up once that info has been received. Michigan Virtual also **requires a guardian account** so I will be setting up that account, as a requirement, with the primary email address we have on file, reply with alternate if preferred. This does not *require* you to monitor your student but gives you access if needed. You will receive an email from Michigan Virtual with login instructions after the accounts are set up. These accounts are generated with the intent of keeping guardians informed of student progress.

Start Date request: Please choose your preferred start date from the following dates: **1/5, 1/12 or 1/19**. Your start date choice will be selected *if* available for your course. ***all AP classes begin 1/12 and all Chinese language classes begin 1/19.**

About Michigan Virtual:

Michigan Virtual challenges students who want to learn in a different way, using the latest in technology to explore courses in a flexible, personalized environment. Online high school and middle school courses are taught by highly-qualified, Michigan-certified teachers. [Michigan Virtual is accredited by AdvanceED.](#)

Michigan Virtual courses are *self-paced* and can be accessed according to your available time as long as the student is consistently showing activity and progress in the course throughout the semester. The time commitment for Michigan Virtual courses are based on the *average daily time recommended* to complete the course within the required semester. The *partnership requirement* for any virtual course is 80% completion. Check our [Partnership Website](#) where I have added the *Course Syllabus* for each Michigan Virtual course we offer. Click on course to review the course syllabus and make sure this will fit your schedule. Please note any *recommended prerequisites* listed.

Time Commitment: Semester sessions are approximately 20-weeks long: Students should plan to spend an average of 1 or more hours per weekday in the course (depending upon course content) to be successful. If your student is not able to make this time commitment, please re-consider taking a Michigan Virtual course.

Scoring System: *Michigan Virtual* does not award credit or diplomas, but students receive a completion certificate recognized by local school districts that award credit and diplomas. A final score out of total points earned will also be available for conversion to a letter grading system.

Technology Requirements: Students will require a computer device with headphones, a microphone, webcam, up-to-date browser, and access to YouTube for most classes. Please check the Michigan Virtual website for current [technical requirements](#).

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding Michigan Virtual.

Thank you!
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