Marion County School District Flexible Academy



“Cultivating Excellence **Virtually**”

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Flexible Academy:

The school district is excited to announce that a new full-time virtual school program designed for families who want a virtual school option will be available this coming August. Students will continue their studies at home with support from the Marion County School District Virtual Academy. Our district has partnered with Edmentum (Ed-Options Academy).

Each course will have a certified teacher provided by the virtual platform. He or she will be working with the student to teach and guide them through the course. As the director of the Marion County School Flexible Academy, I will work to make sure that the students will have everything that need to be successful in the courses. The Marion County School District Flexible Academy will not stand alone. Each full time student will be officially enrolled in their district assigned school. The school district will provide important information about the school such as testing dates and locations.

**Listed below is a list of materials that are needed for the flexible academy:**

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| **Computer Device/Calculator** | **Crayons** | **Journals** | **Loose Leaf Paper** | **Index Cards** |
| **Mead notebooks** | **Pencils** | **Markers** | **Dictionary** | **Sticky Notes** |
| **Ruler** | **Glue** | **Scissors** | **Construction Paper** | **Grid Paper** |
| **Paper Clips** | **Thesaurus** | **Poster Board** | **Pens** | **Dependable Internet Service** |

We are excited and are looking forward in supporting your child’s success in the Marion County School District Flexible Academy during the 2022-23 school year. If you have any questions, please contact our office.  **Orientation will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom information will be given on the next page.**

Sincerely,

Darryl Lee Woodberry, Ed.S

Director

***Marion County School District Flexible Academy***

Success Academy at the Palmetto Education Center

200 Broad Street

Mullins, SC 29574

843-464-3740

dawoodberry@marion.k12.sc.us

**Important Updates:**

1. **All students in grades 3-12 enrolled in the MCSD Flexible Academy will be using Edmentum (*High school students will not be using Edgenuity)*. This company their own certified instructors that will provide lessons, assignments, and assessments. He or she will be in control how the structure their courses, curriculum, and grading.** *(Retakes, late assignments, grading, etc…will be the responsibility of the certified instructors from the company)*
2. **When the student is registered, the company will the send log-in credentials to the student’s email. It is important that the students remember this information because the credentials will allow them to have access to their courses.**
3. **Parents are able to request credentials to check on the progress of their child’s performance.**
4. **Students are required to join their courses every school day according to the 2022-23 School Calendar. Links for live lessons are provided by the instructors from Edmentum. In some cases, students will have the opportunity to work on assignments in advance with the instructor’s permission on non-school calendar days.**
5. **The base school will issue out laptops to each student enrolled in the Flexible Academy. Please check with the base school’s schedule with regards to distribution of laptops. When the laptop is issued, make sure that you log into the laptop before leaving to ensure that the laptop is working properly. You will be responsible of returning the laptop to the base school at the end of year. If laptop is damage or lost, you will be held responsible for fees.**
6. **The base school will be responsible for communicating to you information for all extracurricular activities and clubs that your child is a member of. It very important that you check the base school’s website, Facebook page, newsletter, and emails frequently.**
7. **Students in the Flexible Academy will report to their base school for standardized testing. A representative from the base school will contact you to inform you when your child should report for testing. Parents are responsible for transportation.**
8. **The teachers of the Success Academy will be available to provide academic support/intervention if students are having difficulty. A schedule will be included in the handbook.**
9. **Please make sure that you read the MCSD Flexible Academy handbook. Please contact the Success Academy if you have any questions.**
10. **Orientation will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 6 p.m. via ZOOM.**

 **Meeting ID: 256 732 1931**

 **Passcode: V5PALR**

1. **IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILD CHECK YOUR EMAILS FREQUENTLY AND DAILY. THE DOMINANT FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM EDMENTUM AND THE SUCCESS ACADEMY WILL BE VIA EMAIL.**
2. **Pages 4 and 5 includes very important highlights and information from the 2022-23 MCSDFA Handbook.**

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MCSDFA HANDBOOK**

**Academic Performance**

At the Flexible Academy, student success is a top priority.  However, virtual school is not a good fit for everyone.  Parent conferences will be held for students who are not demonstrating success in their course work may be required to work individually with teachers and/or counselors to ensure that the student is in the best possible place to succeed.

If students are failing (Grade of 59 or below) one or more courses in the flexible academy at the end of each quarter, it will be mandatory for the student to return to in-person instruction at his or her base school. Notifications will be given to the student, parent, and base school.

**Grading Periods**

In accordance with Marion County School District’s grading practices, all students enrolled in the Flexible Academy will follow a 9 week grading period. The 9 week grading period ends on the following dates: October 3, 2022, December 16, 2022, March 16, 2023, and May 26, 2023.

**Late Work**

Late work policies are determined by the certified teachers sponsored by the Edmentum virtual host.

**Reteach/Retest**

Re-teaching and re-testing policies are determined by the certified teachers sponsored by the Edmentum virtual host.

**Virtual Support**

Virtual support/tutoring will be available by subject area from the instructors at the Success Academy at Palmetto Education Center from 2:45 pm. Until 3:30 p.m. Please contact teachers in advance by calling 843-464-3740 or emailing them:

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| Day of the Week | Subject Area | Teacher | Email Address |
| Monday | Social Studies | Ms. Fouts | gfouts@marion.k12.sc.us |
| Wednesday | Science | Mrs. Cash | scash@marion.k12.sc.us |
| Thursday | Math | Mr. Desari | sdesari@marion.k12.sc.us |
| Friday | ELA | Mrs. Allen | paallen@marion.k12.sc.us |

**Withdrawal Procedures**

 Due to teacher allotments and master scheduling, if you or your student enrolls in the Marion County Flexible Academy, the expectation is that you are committed to the Flexible Academy for at least one year.  However, if there is a need to withdraw from school, a parent or guardian will need to contact our school district.

Students will be given the opportunity to change their enrollment status within the first 10 days of each semester. Students who are enrolled in the flexible academy will be allowed to make a request to transfer back to in-person instruction between the dates of August 1, 2022, through August 12, 2022, for the first Semester and January 4, 2023, through January 18, 2023, for the second semester. If the requests are not made according to those dates, students are required to remain in the flexible academy until the end of the quarter. Students who return to in-person instruction will ***not*** be able to return to the flexible academy for the remainder of the school year.

If students and parents deem that the flexible academy is no longer beneficial to them, you will be allowed to make a voluntary request to change your enrollment status at the end of the quarter. However, the student will be required to complete all assignments for that quarter in which he or she is enrolled. Parents must make the official request by contacting Mrs. Martina Rush at 843-423-1811 mrush@marion.k12.sc.us or Mr. Darryl Lee Woodberry at 843-464-3740 dawoodberry@marion.k12.sc.us by the following dates:

1st Quarter—October 3, 2022

2nd Quarter—December 15, 2022

3rd Quarter—March 16, 2023

You will need to return any books, technology, and any other items that belong to the district.  Upon completion of these requirements, your withdrawal process will be finalized.  Please note that the curriculum in the flexible academy courses may be paced differently than other school opportunities.  You will no longer be enrolled in the flexible academy and will not be able to return for the remainder of the school year.