

# Is the LRSD Virtual School Right for Me?

Self reflection Guide

The goal of the virtual school is to support the development of critical thinkers and lifelong learners who become contributing citizens. The Virtual school will support delivery of high quality programming and teaching that is responsive to diverse student needs and interests in an inclusive environment. The Virtual school will provide:

- Online, one to one, blended learning environment
- Personalized Learning Pathways
- 24/7 anytime anywhere course access
- Personalized Learning Plans
- Student support (Outreach, Instruction, Homeschool)
- Learning Commons access
- Learning facilitated by teacher
- Student collaboration

Now that you know what the Virtual school can provide, you must ask yourself if it is right for you. The greatest benefit of online learning can also be its greatest challenge. The flexibility lets you plan your education around your life. Although you can study at a time that works best for your lifestyle, it's important to progress at a pace allowing you to complete all your assignments.

Based on our experience, successful online students tend to exhibit these similar traits. If you are interested in participating in online learning, you should:

- Be self-motivated and self-disciplined.
- Have good reading and writing skills.
- Be willing to ask for help.
- Have strong time management skills.
- Be comfortable with technology.
- Be an active learner who participates in discussions.

While these traits are an important factor in predicting success in the Virtual School, there are several tried-and-true strategies you should employ:

- Develop a time-management strategy.
- Create your ideal study environment.
- Use the pace chart and a calendar to create a study plan each week.
- Log into each course daily.
- Check your school email a few times each day.
- Attend the weekly Teacher sessions
- Interact with the instructor and ask for help when needed.



- Connect with your virtual classmates.
- Back up your work regularly on an external drive.
- Stay on pace!

The teachers and counselors at your homeschool area are available to help you succeed. There are multiple forms of alternative education available in LRSD including Distance Learning (ADLC), Video Conference (AOLC), and Outreach. If you are disciplined and willing to ask for help when needed, the Virtual School may meet your educational needs.



# Intake Form LRSD Student Reflection

#### 1. Why are you taking a course at the Virtual School?

- a. Are there circumstances that will be resolved by taking a course through the Virtual school?
- b. How will this course impact your future academic needs?
- c. What does success look like for you in the Virtual school?

### 2. What is working well?

- a. What are your strengths, personal skills, and supports that will help you be successful in the Virtual School?
- b. What do we need to know about how school has been for you in the past so we can help you better?

## 3. What needs to happen to achieve success?

- a. Student goals: What do you need to do?
- b. Family goals: What does the family need to do?
- c. School goals: What does the school need to?
- d. What is the plan if the things get tough?

#### **Personal Information**

Student Name: Best number to call you at? Who is going to support you in the Homeschool or Outreach? Which course will you be participating in? Any other questions? Start date:

