

# Parent and Guardian Expectations Guide

Virtual courses will be a different experience than traditional classroom learning for your child and yourself. Having a comprehensive understanding of what is expected from you as a support person is very important to your child's success in EdOptions Academy courses. The following information is important for you to know about EdOptions Academy.

## As a parent/guardian, this is what you can do to support your child:

- Upon registration in EdOptions Academy, all students are emailed the Student Policy Guide, which details what students must do to successfully complete courses in EdOptions Academy, and it includes the Student Code of Conduct. Make sure that your child has read and understands this information. If you or your child has any questions, contact the Site Coordinator. The Student Policy Guide is also available at <https://www.edmentum.com/resources/brochures/edoptions-academy-policy-handbook>. The Student Code of Conduct can be accessed here: [https://support.edmentum.com/@api/deki/files/5605/EdOptions\\_Academy\\_Student\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf?revision=6](https://support.edmentum.com/@api/deki/files/5605/EdOptions_Academy_Student_Code_of_Conduct.pdf?revision=6)
- At the beginning of each course that your child is enrolled in, the teacher will email important information specific to that course. Make sure that your child reads and understands this information, as it is crucial to his or her success in the course. Your child should also respond to the teacher to acknowledge that he or she has received and reviewed the information.
- EdOptions Academy courses vary in length. Course duration will be determined by your child's home school or district. Make sure that your child knows what the start and end dates of his or her course are.
  - Fall and spring session courses typically run for 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 12 weeks, or 18 weeks.
  - Summer sessions courses can run anywhere from 2 weeks to 8 weeks.
- Help your child manage time and stay on track in all of his or her online courses.
  - For fall and spring session courses lasting 18 weeks, the expectation is that students will spend 50 minutes per day on each class, 5 days per week.

- In summer session courses, to accommodate the condensed timeframe, it is expected that students will spend 4 hours per day on each class, 5 days per week.
- Support your child by helping him or her create a study schedule, setting up a dedicated study space in your home, and regularly engaging him or her in conversation about what he or she is learning and any challenges encountered in EdOptions Academy courses.
- Just as in traditional classrooms, the relationship between each student and his or her teacher is one of the keys to student success. Encourage your child to be in regular contact with his or her EdOptions Academy teacher to ensure that he or she is receiving the instruction needed.
  - Teachers can be contacted via phone, email, videoconference, and the collaboration tool built into the online learning platform.
  - Teachers are available at various times during the day and evening; there is not a set schedule.
  - Teachers are required to provide feedback on all student assignments within 24 hours of submission.
- Know the staff at your child's home school or district who manages the EdOptions Academy partnership.
  - All EdOptions Academy partner schools are required to have a site coordinator who oversees student administration.
  - Many schools also have coaches who are available as an academic support resource for students.

### Other policies to note:

- Each student enrollment has a 14-day grace period. This means that students may drop any course within 14-days of enrollment. To drop a course, your child must work with his or her Site Coordinator or a Coach.
- Availability of EdOptions Academy course extensions are determined by your child's home school or district.
- World Languages courses require recording capability, and headphones.
- No textbooks are required—all materials needed are online.
- Unofficial student transcripts are available to students and parents via the EdOptions Academy Student Information System (SIS). To request an official transcript with the EdOptions Academy seal at no cost, fill out this form available at



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<https://www.edmentum.com/resources/brochures/edoptions-academy-transcript-request-form>.