

Virtual Instruction with EdOptions Academy for Elementary Students

Digital curriculum and instruction specifically designed for grades K-5



Transitioning to virtual learning can seem overwhelming and it can be challenging to know what to look for in an online learning option. Here are a few common questions parents of elementary learners ask about EdOptions Academy:

What is EdOptions Academy?

EdOptions Academy is a leader in high-quality virtual learning. Our fully-accredited virtual school offers students a fun and rewarding alternative learning experience. EdOptions Academy has partnered with schools, districts, and parents/guardians to deliver rigorous, research-based, online learning since 1997. Trusted nationally by over 400 partner school districts, EdOptions Academy provides extensive and effective learning solutions to all types of learners. Our solution allows schools and districts to enhance, expand, and extend their program offerings.

Who are EdOptions Teachers?

Our teachers are master virtual educators with deep expertise in both traditional classroom instruction and virtual education. All EdOptions Academy teachers are high-qualified, state-certified instructors, and they are certified in virtual teaching and learning.

How do students receive instruction?

Our instructional model provides a balance of live group lessons, one-to-one instruction, and independent practice designed to engage all learners. Assessments are embedded in each lesson and unit to facilitate data-driven instruction and ensure that content is mastered and retained. Our teachers provide daily live lessons in core curriculum subjects (math, English language arts, science, and social studies). A variety of fun activities in noncore subjects are scheduled throughout the week to provide students with the choice to participate in music, art, drama, story time, physical activities, dance, movement, and clubs.

What curriculum is used? How is it structured?

EdOptions Academy offers Edmentum's Calvert Learning curriculum for K-5. Our curriculum is designed and built for virtual learning, with standards-based core academics, interactive lessons, and project-based real-world learning. Lessons are developed by expert learning designers who construct activities that are age appropriate for K-5 learners and are designed to ensure that students master skills and standards; demonstrate mastery through short, curriculum-embedded assessments; and demonstrate higher-order thinking and creativity through unit projects.

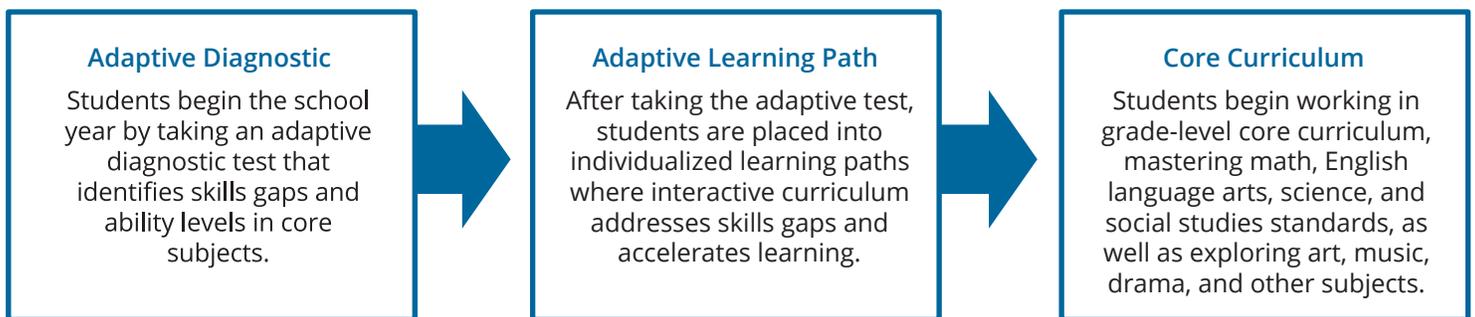
What does virtual instruction look like in EdOptions Academy for elementary students? How involved should elementary parents be?

Parent/guardian involvement is a critical component of the EdOptions Academy virtual learning experience. Whereas our teachers are responsible for daily instruction and students' mastery of content, parents have a role to ensure that their child attends scheduled live lessons, participates in independent interactive practice, and completes homework. Although teacher-student relationships are the foundation of virtual learning, parent-teacher relationships are also important and are reinforced through semi-regular parent-teacher meetings and scheduled teacher office hours.

I'm concerned that my child may have fallen behind since last spring's school closings and won't be able to make a smooth transition into the next grade level. How will they be able to "catch up"?

This school year will be like no other, and it can be a GREAT year full of learning and fun!

Starting this school year with a meaningful transition into the academic schedule and developing an understanding of each individual child's academic ability level are especially critical for elementary-age students. This has never been more important than it is right now, with many students having experienced a disruption in their learning over the past five months with COVID-19 and school closures since last March.



EdOptions Academy is beginning this school year by administering our adaptive diagnostic assessment, Exact Path, in the first week of school. This adaptive assessment will identify any learning loss or skill gaps that may have occurred over the past five months of the pandemic. Diagnostic data from the Exact Path assessment will place students into an adaptive learning path that individualizes and adapts to each unique student's need. This adaptive learning process provides the foundation for students to begin their grade-level curriculum.

What does a day in the week of an EdOptions Academy elementary student look like?

The EdOptions Academy weekly learning schedule includes a balance of online and offline learning activities; core curriculum instructional blocks; and fun, elective activities. To the right is sample schedule for a K-5 student.

| Sample EdOptions Day Schedule | |
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| 8:00-10:00 AM | Exact Path Reading |
| 10:00-11:00 AM | ELA Live Lesson |
| 11:00-12:00 AM | Finish ELA, Break, Live Help |
| 12:00-1:00PM | Lunch |
| 1:00-2:00PM | Math Live Lessons |
| 2:00-2:30PM | Finish Math, Break, and Live Help |
| 2:30-3:00PM | Science Live Lessons |
| 3:00-3:30 PM | Complete work for the day, teacher communication |