

M MIDWAY
VIRTUAL SCHOOL





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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Senate Bill (SB) 569, passed in 2025, significantly overhauled Texas virtual learning by replacing the old Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) with a new, flexible framework by rewriting TEC Chapter 30B.

Chapter 30B authorizes school districts to offer diverse virtual and hybrid models, ensuring equal funding for in-person or virtual instruction through full-time virtual or hybrid campuses or programs.



MIDWAY PROGRAM PATHWAYS



Three Pathways for Virtual Learning

**Full-Time
Virtual**

**Hybrid
Learning**

A La Carte

Three Pathways for Virtual Learning

Full-Time Virtual

Experience 100% online learning with comprehensive courses delivered by TEXAS-certified educators. Perfect for self-motivated students who thrive with independence and flexibility.

Full-Time Virtual

- Full-time virtual students are Midway ISD enrolled students
- Abide by the rules of the Midway Student Code of Conduct, Midway Student Handbook, and the Midway Virtual School Handbook
- Learn from anywhere in Texas
- Program is free for eligible Texas Residents
- Enrolled in 7 Classes per semester - middle school
- Enrolled in 8 Classes per semester - high school
- Receive District Issued iPad
- Classes taught by Texas-Certified Teachers (hired by Pearson)
- Engage daily in lessons on the Pearson Connexus platform
- Attend State and District Required testing onsite in Midway ISD



Three Pathways for Virtual Learning

Hybrid Learning

Students participate in four to seven classes online and the remainder of classes in person at their zoned Midway ISD campus. This may include participating in school-based CTE electives, fine arts, or athletic programs. Students may compete in UIL extracurricular activities as long as they are eligible.

Hybrid Learning

- Hybrid Students are full-time Midway ISD enrolled students
- Abide by the rules of the Midway Student Code of Conduct, Midway Student Handbook, and the Midway Virtual School Handbook
- Program is free for eligible Texas Residents
- Must reside in Midway attendance zone or apply as a transfer student to Midway
- Enrolled in 4 or more classes online
- Remaining classes are face-to-face at Midway zoned campus (student's family is responsible for transportation to and from Midway campuses)
- Online classes taught by Texas-Certified Teachers (hired by Pearson)/ Face-to-Face classes are taught by Midway Teachers
- Receive a district issued iPad
- Engage daily in lessons on the Pearson Connexus platform
- Participate in UIL/Extracurricular activities as eligible (must be in 4 face-to-face classes)
- Attend State and District Required testing onsite in Midway ISD



Three Pathways for Virtual Learning

A La Carte

Supplemental courses for Midway students or those outside of Midway who wish to enroll in courses not offered through their homeschool program, private school, or ISD.
These courses require a fee.

A la Carte

- Student does not have to be a Midway ISD-enrolled student
- Fee for each course,
 - \$275/semester Midway, \$325/semester Non-Midway student
- Course catalog available online
- District devices would not be issued to a la carte only students
- Online classes taught by Texas-Certified Teachers (Pearson Hired)
- Engage daily in lessons on the Pearson Connexus platform
- For Midway students a la carte classes will be considered based on how the course fits into their academic schedule
- A la carte options will be offered on a limited basis in the first year
- Midway HS students may not take more than 8 total classes in a semester (a la carte may substitute for a face-to-face class)



STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Pearson Connexus

Platform: Pearson Connexus is an online platform for curriculum delivery.

Curriculum: The program uses a rigorous curriculum developed by experts that aligns with state and national standards.

Instruction: Students will be taught by a Pearson-certified online teacher who is also Texas-certified.

Pacing & Delivery: Coursework will be asynchronous. This model offers a rigorous curriculum and content that students can access on their own schedule, but they are expected to stay on track. In core courses, the teacher provides a one-hour synchronous lesson each week.

Pearson Connexus

Communication with the Teacher: Students communicate with Pearson teachers primarily through the Pearson Connexus platform.

- **Email:** Students use the internal Webmail system to email their teacher (there is a 24 hour turn around expectation for responses).
- **Office hours:** Pearson teachers are also available through scheduled office hours.
- **Phone:** Pearson teachers provide phone contact information and calendar options for scheduling one on one calls with students or parents.
- **Live Class:** Core Content teachers hold LiveLesson sessions once a week to provide direct instruction or facilitate learning activities.

Pearson Connexus

Parent (Learning Coach) Access:

- Parents or caretakers will be granted the Observer role.
- The Observer account allows parents to see every assignment, lesson, grade, and message the teacher has left for the student.

Orientation Course:

- Students complete an Orientation Course to learn how to use the system and how to contact their teachers.
- An orientation course is also provided for parents.

Orientation Meeting

- Prior to the start of school (August) we will hold a parent/student orientation meeting to explain the platform, logins, daily attendance, etc.

STUDENT EXPECTATION



Virtual & Hybrid Learners

Flexibility with Accountability

- Engage in the platform daily (on school days)
 - Daily attendance, but at the time you need
 - Make academic progress in each course
- Parent “Learning Coach” helps with accountability
- Grades and Attendance are issued by Midway ISD
 - 3 week Progress Reports
 - 6 week Report Cards
 - Daily attendance requirements (compulsory attendance law)
- Hybrid students are required to attend classes on campus daily
 - Families are responsible for transportation

Virtual & Hybrid Learners

DAILY SCHEDULE

Role

Grade 6–12

Student

- 5–6 hours of learning per day
- Mostly online learning

Learning Coach

- 2–3 hours of oversight daily
- Helps the student transition to being more independent (refers to teachers as needed)
- Participates in teacher conferences
- Ensures lessons are completed

Teacher

- 1 Teacher per subject (core and elective)

Midway Program Coordinator or designee

- Monitors grades and attendance
- Checks in weekly with the learning coach and the student



FLEXIBILITY with ACCOUNTABILITY

- Students are expected to
 - Engage in the platform daily (on school days)
 - Make adequate progress in a course
 - Act with academic integrity
 - Maintain passing grades
 - Attend all required on-site testing (State, Local Benchmark, Screeners)
 - Abide by Midway Code of Conduct
 - Abide by Midway Student Handbook
 - Abide by District Technology AUP
- Failure to follow through with the expectations will require a student
 - Be moved to Probationary Status
 - Removed from the Virtual School and moved back to face-to-face instruction

UIL/NCAA



NCAA Eligibility

- Pearson virtual classes are NCAA eligible.
- If a student plans to participate in college athletics, parents should let us know right away.
- There are specific protocols and contact hours that must be accounted for and Pearson Teachers account for this through the online platform.



UIL Eligibility

Any Virtual/Hybrid student **RESIDING IN** the Midway attendance zone:

- Eligible for athletics, including varsity, as long as they are a full-time student

Any Hybrid student **NOT RESIDING IN** the Midway attendance zone:

- Eligible for athletics (Varsity after 1 year of continuous enrollment)
- A waiver may be sought for immediate varsity participation.
- *The student would apply to be a transfer student*
- *The student must be on campus for 4 or more hours for 1-calendar year in order to be varsity eligible and continue to be a full-time student on campus to keep this status.*

Any virtual-only student **NOT RESIDING IN** the Midway attendance zone:

- Not eligible for athletics at any point for any level.
- This applies to all grades 7-12



Timeline



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1. Midway Virtual School Application
 - Applications opened on April 1st
 - MVS Website/Social Media/District Website
2. Transfer Application
 - 1st Week in JUNE
 - No transfer fee – new this year!
3. Midway Registration Opened
 - July 8th
4. Individual Advising Meetings
 - Late June and throughout July
 - Individual face-to-face or virtual
 - Students and parents selected courses



Current Enrollment



By the Numbers

1. Current Applicants

- Full-Time Virtual – 40
- Hybrid – 55
- A la Carte – 5

2. School of Origin

- Midway – 64
- Surrounding Public Schools – 18
- Private Schools – 3
- Virtual Schools – 3
- Homeschool – 18

3. Reasons for attending

- Flexibility
- Health Concerns
- Outside Athletic/Sporting Practices and Travel
- Non-traditional environment/mental health

*84 of the 106 applicants have met with a counselor for advising to date.





August 11, 2026

Device Pickup @ 5:00 pm

**Parent/Student Orientation @
6:00pm**

Midway ITC Building (across from Rosa's)



QUESTIONS

