SOUTHWEST WEST CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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Education & Administrative Resources

STARRS K-5 Online Academy Orientation

Welcome to STARRS Online Academy!

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What is STARRS?

Helping students achieve their potential through individualized educational opportunities.

STARRS Online Academy gives alternatives to students who may be:

- Looking for courses not offered in their district
- Looking for flexibility in their learning experience
- Looking for a Distance Learning option
- Credit deficient and wanting to graduate
- Struggling with a traditional school environment

STARRS + Edgenuity = Student Succes

Students will be attending STARRS Online Academy online courses using **Edgenuity** to continue to meet their grade progression or graduation requirements through an online learning platform.

Students will complete age-appropriate, engaging lessons with access to tools that support learning including text to speech, audio and translation, text and picture dictionaries and more. **This program also meets Minnesota Academic Standards and uses assessment tools to measure student progress.**

Being a Learning Coach

You will play an integral part in helping your student maneuver through their courses. It is important to understand your role as a learning coach to help the student go beyond the content being taught!

- Guide the student through the lessons as needed
- Discuss the concepts being taught
- Assist with interactive tools and games
- Oversee assignments
- Help facilitate handson learning that may be in the course
- Check for understanding of assignments
- Keep the student on schedule and pace
- Ensure all course components are being done with fidelity (independent reading, novel studies, practice activities, etc.)
- Communicate with the teacher as needed

Getting Started

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Creating a Learning Space

Learning Spaces today are not just a desk and a chair. It is essential to create a learning space that provides the opportunity for students to move as needed. The key is to set up space or spaces where the student is free from distractions and can focus on the tasks they are completing. Below are some suggestions for setting up a Learning Space:

- Make sure the desk and chair allow the student to sit upright at the computer.
- Have other seating options for students to move to do offline assignments such as a comfy chair or bean bag for independent reading, a larger table with coloring supplies, glue, and scissors for written work and projects.
- Wall space to post a word wall, a world map, and other items that a student may refer to frequently.

Learning Spaces do not have to be confined to one small area or room, for example:

- A student can have a desk to complete online work.
- Offline work can be completed at a kitchen table that includes a caddy with coloring, writing, and other school supplies.
- Complete Independent Reading and Novel Studies on the couch in the living or family room.
- A refrigerator makes a great wall space, add magnetic strips to the back of word wall ca to put on the fridge.

Technology

To ensure that your child is able to log on and begin school, please make sure you have one of these supported devices in your home:

- ❏ Desktop Computer
- ❏ Chromebook
- ❏ Android Tablet
- ❏ Surface Tablet

School Supplies

Please make sure these school supplies are available for your student:

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Tape
- Notebooks – 1 for each subject
- Ruler
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Watercolor Paints & Brushes
- Blank White Paper
- Construction Paper

School Supplies (cont.)

Each subject might require specific materials or supplies for certain activities (for example: paper clips, envelope, cardboard box, etc). For a full list of all of the supplies needed for your student for the school year, please email jennifer.besser@swwc.org

Each student will be receiving an Edgenuity workbook specifically designed for their grade level. Workbooks will be shipped to your school district. Please check in with your school if they haven't contacted you about picking up your workbooks. If your workbook does not arrive before the first day of school, all assignments are available online to print or fill out electronically.

Subjects + Courses

SEMESTER ONE					
	ELA	**Math**	**Science**	**Social Studies**	**Elective 1**	**Elective 2**
Kindergarten	Language Arts K A	Math K A	Science K A	Social Studies K A	Health K-1 A	Arts & Crafts K A
1st Grade	Language Arts 1 A	Math 1 A	Science 1 A	Social Studies 1 A	Health K-1 B	Arts & Crafts 1 A
2nd Grade	Language Arts 2 A	Math 2 A	Science 2 A	Social Studies 2 A	Health 2-3 A	Arts & Crafts 2 A
3rd Grade	Language Arts 3 A	Math 3 A	Science 3 A	Social Studies 3 A	Health 2-3 B	Art Level 1
4th Grade	Language Arts 4 A	Math 4 A	Science 4 A	Social Studies 4 A	Health 4-5 A	Art Level 2
5th Grade	Language Arts 5 A	Math 5 A	Science 5 A	Social Studies 5 A	Health 4-5 B	Art Level 3

SEMESTER TWO					
	ELA	**Math**	**Science**	**Social Studies**	**Elective 1**	**Elective 2**
Kindergarten	Language Arts K B	Math K B	Science K B	Social Studies K B	Physical Education K-1 A	Arts & Crafts K B
1st Grade	Language Arts 1 B	Math 1 B	Science 1 B	Social Studies 1 B	Physical Education K-1 B	Art & Crafts 1 B
2nd Grade	Language Arts 2 B	Math 2 B	Science 2 B	Social Studies 2 B	Physical Education 2-3 A	Arts & Crafts 2 B
3rd Grade	Language Arts 3 B	Math 3 B	Science 3 B	Social Studies 3 B	Physical Education 2-3 B	Recorders
4th Grade	Language Arts 4 B	Math 4 B	Science 4 B	Social Studies 4 B	Physical Education 4-5 A	Keyboarding
5th Grade	Language Arts 5 B	Math 5 B	Science 5 B	Social Studies 5 B	Physical Education 4-5 B	Scratch Coding / Art Level 4

Setting A Schedule

The schedule on the next slide is a suggestion to help guide you. It is important to set up a plan that works best for your student that is easy to follow to help maintain a routine.

For example, Math can be done before Language Arts, or maybe your child does not need as many breaks during the day.
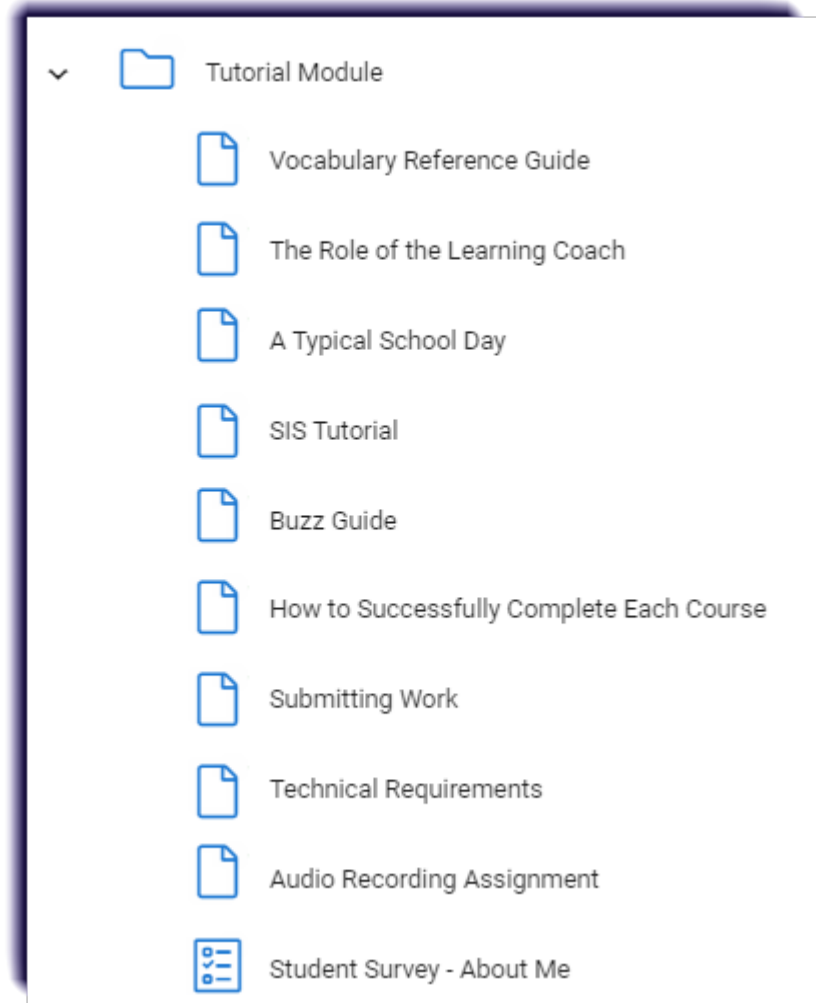
Create a schedule that suits your student's needs!

✴Mrs. Besser's schedule and office hours will be shared with all families as soon as we have the final number of students attending STARRS Online Academy.

Setting A Schedule (cont.)

Morning Meeting (With Mrs. Besser)	Discuss Calendar, Weather, Age Appropriate Games, Classroom Community, Read Alouds, Etc.	15 Minutes
Language Arts	Online/Offline Work, Independent Reading, Read Alouds	60-75 Minutes
Brain Break	Play, Exercise, MOVE!	15 Minutes
Math	Online/Offline Work	45-60 Minutes
Lunch/Free Play	Eat, Play, Exercise, MOVE!	30-45 Minutes
Science	Online/Offline Work	30-45 Minutes
Social Studies	Online/Offline Work	30-45 Minutes
Brain Break	Play, Exercise, MOVE!	15 Minutes
Electives	Arts & Crafts, Music, Health, P.E.	30 Minutes
TOTAL ACADEMIC TIME	**PER DAY**	**3-4 Hours**

The First Day- Tuesday September 6th

On the first day of school, parents will be required to complete a Tutorial Module that outlines the requirements of the students and parents. Students can not progress further in any subject's coursework until this module is completed. This can be found in the student's Language Arts course.

Tutorial Module

- Vocabulary Reference Guide
- The Role of the Learning Coach
- A Typical School Day
- SIS Tutorial
- Buzz Guide
- How to Successfully Complete Each Course
- Submitting Work
- Technical Requirements
- Audio Recording Assignment
- Student Survey - About Me

Understanding Grades

Overall Grade

- Shows mastery of content
- This percentage represents the grade your student has acquired thus far in the course, based on all activities and assessments completed. This gives a good indication of how the student is comprehending the material, however it can be deceiving if the student is behind pace since this grade will be higher than the actual grade.

Actual Grade

- Shows mastery of content and how much progress they have made
- This percentage represents the grade your student has acquired thus far in the course along with 0s for any work assigned to date but not completed.
- **Most Accurate**

If a student completes a course to 100% progress, both grades should be the same.

Our Classroom Apps

Edgenuity

Google Classroom

Epic

Communication

To reach out to your child's teacher, please use these forms of communication:

- Email
- Google Meet
- Google Hangouts

"The Virtual K-5 Experience" Q & A

Location: https://www.swsc.org/starrs

A *resource packed* space for parents and guardians to access:

- How to videos for Edgenuity and all of its tools (courses, reports, turning in work, etc)
- Navigating Google Classroom
- Navigating Epic
- Navigating any other technology we will use
- Helpful Resources for at home learning

Questions?

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