Morgan County R-II School District
FAQs for "Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program" (MOCAP)

The Morgan County R-II School District meets the curricular and instructional needs of all students by offering a range of course offerings and educational opportunities. In cases where a student's need is not being met by these offerings and opportunities, Senate Bill 603 (also known as "MOCAP") provides one possible avenue to address the gap. MOCAP was passed with the intent to:

- Expand the range of course offerings and opportunities for students
- Provide access to courses when there are no qualified teachers to lead the course
- Allow access to courses not available at the local school district

In accordance with Senate Bill 603, students who have been enrolled full time in a public or charter school for at least one semester immediately prior, may enroll part-time or full-time in the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program. Enrollment must be approved by the Morgan County R-II School District. A student with a documented medical or psychological condition that prevented the student from attending school during the previous semester shall be exempt from the requirement that a student is enrolled full-time in and attended a public school for at least one semester in order to enroll in Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program courses.

Does this apply to K-12 students?
Yes, but courses and vendors must be approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). To determine if a course is approved, visit the DESE MOCAP web site: https://mocap.mo.gov/

Are students who participate in MOCAP courses considered to be "homeschooled?"
No. In accordance with Senate Bill 603, only registered and enrolled students are eligible to participate in MOCAP through the Morgan County R-II School District. If a student is unenrolled from the Morgan County R-II School District at any time, the student's Morgan County R-II-sponsored participation in MOCAP courses also ends.

Must MOCAP students live within the Morgan County R-II School District boundaries?
Yes. By law, a registered student must reside within the district boundaries or pay tuition to the Morgan County R-II School District, currently established by the Board of Education at $10,190 per student, per year. If a student moves out of the district at any time, the student is unenrolled from the Morgan County R-II School District and Morgan County R-II-sponsored participation in MOCAP courses also ends.

What is the cost?
The cost of approved courses will be paid by the Morgan County R-II School District. However, the district will monitor student progress in the MOCAP classes and if adequate progress is not made, the district retains the option to cancel the course and return the student to in-district courses.

What is the process for a student/family to request a MOCAP course?
Individuals will follow the same school enrollment and registration practices and timelines as they would for face-to-face classes. To request enrollment for a MOCAP course, please complete the MOCAP enrollment form found on our school website. The application to enroll in virtual education must be

completed within the first five (5) days of each semester and turned into the office by the end of the fifth day. Enrollment requests received after the deadline will be for the following semester.

What courses are offered?
You can view the listing of DESE-approved courses in the catalogue at https://mocap.mo.gov/

When can MOCAP courses be taken?
MOCAP courses are available during the regular fall and spring semesters.

On what timeline must MOCAP courses be completed?
MOCAP courses follow the same school calendar as courses completed on the Morgan County R-II campus. Students enrolled in MOCAP courses must complete all course requirements by the end of the semester as stated on the Board-approved district calendar. As stated above, the district will monitor student progress and if adequate progress is not made, the district retains the option to cancel the course and return the student to in-district courses.

Can MOCAP students participate in other school events?
Participation in school events will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with district policy and statute. Requests for participation in school events should be made to the building principal.

Will the district provide technology, supervision, or a space to access this online learning?
The intent of MOCAP courses is to expand the options available to students by providing state-approved classes that function outside of the traditional school environment. MOCAP courses are not taught or supervised by Morgan County R-II faculty members. The district is not obligated to provide students computers, equipment, or Internet access except for eligible students with a disability in compliance with federal and state law. In most cases, the district will **not** provide a physical location in the school or adult supervision for students enrolled in MOCAP courses.

What tests will be required of MOCAP students?

All MOCAP students (public, private and home schooled) are required to participate in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and End of Course (EOC) testing. MAP and EOC tests measure a students' progress toward mastery of the Show-Me Standards, which are the educational standards in Missouri.

- **MAP:** All students in grades three through eight in Missouri will take the MAP test in communication arts and math. Students in grades five and eight will also take the MAP test in science.
- **EOC:** End-of-Course assessments are taken when a student has received instruction on the course-level expectations for an assessment, regardless of grade level (but typically in high school). EOC tests are required in the subject areas of algebra I, biology, English II and government.

Will exceptional learners such as ELL, 504, or IEP students be provided support?
Because MOCAP courses are not taught by Morgan County R-II faculty, support will be provided through the course vendor, not the Morgan County R-II School District faculty.

How will this affect MSHSAA and NCAA eligibility?
MSHSAA and NCAA eligibility can be impacted by off-campus coursework. MSHSAA eligibility must be approved by the building administration and district activities director. If the student has any interest in participation in school athletics or activities, the parent should contact the district activities director *prior* to enrollment in a virtual education program. If the student has questions about potential future impact to NCAA eligibility, the family should contact the student's counselor *prior* to enrollment in a MOCAP course.

Could a request for online learning be denied?
Yes, denial is possible if the request is not in the best educational interest of the student. Below are some possible reasons for denial. This listing is not all-inclusive.

- The student has not been a full-time student in a public or charter school for at least one full semester prior to the request
- All prerequisite courses have not been successfully completed
- The course request does not align with Morgan County R-II School District graduation requirements
- The student is already carrying the maximum academic load
- The student has not demonstrated success in previous online courses (if applicable)
- The student has not demonstrated readiness for independent coursework
- The requested course has not been demonstrated to align with the Missouri Learning Standards
- The course vendor has not demonstrated courses will be taught by a Missouri certified teacher
- There is no pattern of student successful completion of the requested vendor course/program

If denied, is there an appeal process?
An appeal process is provided in accordance with Board policy. In the case of a denial of MOCAP request, individuals will receive written notification of denial and their path to appeal the decision.

Where can I read the text of the law?
http://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=161.670&bid=35970&hl=

Is this Board policy?
The Morgan County R-II School District has adopted Board policy in compliance with Senate Bill 603. See policy IGCD for more information.

Additional Questions?
Contact your building administration.