

Missouri Virtual Instruction Program

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MoVIP is a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education program offering online courses. MoVIP offers 172 classes in grades K-12. For a complete list of courses and a course catalog, visit www.movip.org, and click on "Course Information."

How can MoVIP enrich and support your school program?

MoVIP expands the range of courses and opportunities offered to students, providing equity across schools in Missouri. Specifically, MoVIP:

- provides courses that cannot be offered because of limited enrollment/teaching staff (foreign language, AP).
- assists students with scheduling issues such as travel time between buildings or limited sections.
- serves students who cannot attend school because of medical conditions.
- allows students with abilities to take advanced classes at an earlier age.
- helps students who struggle with traditional education find success.

What is new this year?

Expanded course offerings

MoVIP will offer 172 courses (K-12) this year. Classes in seven foreign languages will now be available. German and Japanese have been added to the current offerings of Chinese, Latin, Spanish, French and sign language. Years three and four will be added to many languages. Advanced placement courses have expanded to 19 offerings, and for the first time, MoVIP is offering 10 foundation classes for students who struggle in core curricular areas. MoVIP also has expanded the practical arts classes at the high school level.

School districts can use their own teachers.

Missouri Revised Statute 161.670 indicates that MoVIP classes must utilize Missouri certificated teachers. In the past, this requirement was satisfied by using teachers provided by MoVIP. This year, Missouri school districts will have the option of

leasing MoVIP classes and utilizing their own instructors. With this option, districts will receive the MoVIP courseware and access to a learning management system and teacher staff development. In this first year, MoVIP will offer 95 courses for use by school districts. Interested school administrators can e-mail MoVIP at movipinfo@dese.mo.gov to request a list of available courses. If you have questions, please contact Curt Fuchs, Office of Quality Schools, at 573-751-2453.

How does MoVIP work for homebound students?

The use of MoVIP as an option to serve homebound students continues to grow. A student who by necessity requires instruction to be provided at home may be counted for full attendance if the student has received a minimum of five hours of instruction per week by a certificated teacher. Students may be enrolled full time in MoVIP as an alternative to the above-referenced format.



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Pertinent Missouri Statutes affecting virtual education

Missouri Revised Statute 162.1250

allows Missouri public school districts to offer instruction in a virtual setting outside of the regular school district facility and receive state aid for that class. If the school district offers its own class, contracts and pays for a class from MoVIP or another online provider, the district will collect state funds similar to what it would for a student attending a class in the brick and mortar setting. While this statute allows school districts to collect state aid, it does not require school districts to offer online classes.

Missouri Revised Statute 167.121

gives parents or guardians of a student who is a resident in an unaccredited or provisionally accredited Missouri school district the right to request the child's enrollment in MoVIP (Section 161.670), provided the pupil first enrolls in the school district of residence. The district would pay the MoVIP tuition for the student to take the classes. School districts are not required to provide computers, Internet or other access, supplies, materials or funding.

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