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## MoVIP COURSE OFFERINGS EXPANDED FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to provide more Missouri students with online options, MoVIP course offerings will increase by 25 percent in 2010-2011 school year. In the upcoming school year, 172 courses will be offered, compared to 133 last year. Highlights of the increased offerings include:

### Foreign Language

German and Japanese will be added to the current foreign language offerings of Chinese, Latin, Spanish, French and sign language. Years three and four will be added to many languages. Advanced placement (AP) French and Spanish courses will be offered for the first time, and a middle school World Survey class of various foreign languages will be available.

### Advanced Placement Courses

Beginning this fall, MoVIP will expand the AP course offerings from 12 to 19. Some of the new offerings include AP Psychology, AP Art History, AP European History, and AP World History.

### Accelerated Classes

Twelve accelerated classes will be offered for students in grades three through five. These courses cover more material at a faster pace.

### Foundation Classes

MoVIP will offer 10 foundation classes at the high school level for students who struggle in core curricular areas. These include Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Physical Science, American History and English I, II, III and IV.

### Practical Arts Classes

MoVIP has expanded the practical arts classes at the high school level by offering Game Design, Flash Animation, Java Programming and Career Planning.

A complete listing of courses can be found on the MoVIP website at [www.movip.org](http://www.movip.org). A complete online course catalog which includes the course description, prerequisites, course syllabus/outline and other related information is also available.

**MoVIP offers Missouri students interactive online learning that is neither time nor place dependent. For more information, visit [www.movip.org](http://www.movip.org).**

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS CAN NOW USE THEIR OWN TEACHERS

According to Missouri Revised Statute 161.670, 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. Participating 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.



School administrators can e-mail MoVIP at [movipinfo@dese.mo.gov](mailto:movipinfo@dese.mo.gov) to request a list of available courses. If you have additional questions, please contact Curt Fuchs, Office of Quality Schools, at 573-751-2453.

## START DATES FOR 2010-2011

MoVIP has multiple start dates to accommodate the schedules of schools and families. Registration must be completed at least one week before a class begins.

### Fall start date options:

Monday, August 23  
 Monday, August 30  
 Tuesday, September 7  
 Wednesday, September 15  
 Friday, October 1  
 Friday, October 15

### Spring start date options:

Monday, January 3  
 Monday, January 10  
 Tuesday, January 18  
 Tuesday, February 1  
 Tuesday, February 15

**Note:** Enroll students in both the fall and spring semester classes when registering for the fall term.

## ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Parents and schools can begin to enroll students in mid-July for classes for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Step 1:** Register on the MoVIP website. Go to [www.movip.org](http://www.movip.org) and click on "Enter MoVIP." Select your courses for both fall and spring semester as well as the start dates.

**Step 2:** Make payments directly to the vendor(s) providing the course(s). Contact vendors to arrange payment using the information provided below:

Vendor	Contact Information for Parents	Contact Information for School Districts
Aventa (AV)	<a href="http://movip.enroll.aventalearning.com">http://movip.enroll.aventalearning.com</a>	623-551-7711, Diana Barnes <a href="mailto:dianab@aventalearning.com">dianab@aventalearning.com</a> 1-800-594-5504
Connections Academy (CA)	1-877-804-6222	1-888-440-2899 Steve McNamer or Heather Krohn
Florida Virtual (FL)	<a href="http://www.flvs.net/areas/signup/Pages/SignUp-OutofState.aspx">http://www.flvs.net/areas/signup/Pages/SignUp-OutofState.aspx</a>	407-513-3476, Denise Wink <a href="mailto:dwink@flvs.net">dwink@flvs.net</a>
Missouri Council for Economic Education (MCEE)	<a href="http://cas.umkc.edu/mcee/simulation.html">http://cas.umkc.edu/mcee/simulation.html</a> or 816-235-2654	<a href="http://cas.umkc.edu/mcee/simulation.html">http://cas.umkc.edu/mcee/simulation.html</a> or 816-235-2654, Mike English
North Kansas City School District (NKCS D)	<a href="http://nkcsd.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&amp;grp=59">http://nkcsd.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&amp;grp=59</a>	816-413-5100, Marla Walker

## MEDICALLY FRAGILE STUDENTS

**F**or the 2010-2011 school year, the Missouri Legislature has budgeted funds to offer free MoVIP classes to students who have been designated as medically fragile and cannot attend school. To be considered, complete the application found at [www.movip.org](http://www.movip.org) and fax it to the MoVIP office at 573-522-1134 by August 13th.

Basic information about this group of students:

- The medically fragile seats in MoVIP are not for temporary medical conditions (6 weeks or less).
- Students who apply and are accepted into the medically fragile program are expected to participate for an entire semester.
- If sufficient funds are not available to meet demand, priority will be given to medically fragile students who absolutely cannot attend school for medical reasons.
- If the number of qualified medically fragile students exceeds resources, selection will be made by lottery.
- Interested students who do not qualify as medically fragile and those not chosen in the lottery may attend MoVIP by paying tuition.

Students can take six classes per semester under this program.



## MOVIP COURSE SELECTION

**T**he Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assembled a committee of Missouri educators in early May to review over 400 online courses that were submitted for inclusion as part of the MoVIP program. Organized into eight committees, the educators accessed the online courses to evaluate alignment with Missouri standards, quality of instructional design, type of assessments and technology usage.

In cases where committees decided two online courses were equal, MoVIP will offer both courses, giving schools and parents the option to choose courses based on information provided in the course catalog.

For the first time, MoVIP will include a district-developed course. The North Kansas City School District (NKCS) has been delivering online student courses for the past several years. MoVIP elected to use the American Government class developed by NKCS, since it includes the Missouri Constitution and U.S. Constitution, meeting state graduation requirements.

MoVIP will also offer a Personal Finance class (a required course in Missouri) developed by the Missouri Council for Economic Education.

Commercial vendors with selected courses include Aventa, Connections Academy and Florida Virtual.

## MISSOURI STATE STATUES 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, equipment, Internet or other access, supplies, materials or funding.

## HOMEBOUND COSTS

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.



Online class benefits to homebound students include:

- ◆ Flexibility to take classes anytime during the day or week.
- ◆ Ability for self pacing to accommodate students with special needs.
- ◆ Ability to have a certified instructor for each enrolled class (foreign language, science, math, business, etc.).
- ◆ Increased opportunity to interact with the instructor and other students.
- ◆ Recent costs analysis reflects that MoVIP could be a cost-effective measure.
  - Assume a district is paying a homebound instructor \$25 per hour.
  - That equals \$125 per week and \$4,500 for a 36-week school year.
  - Add travel expenses/materials and the district could spend nearly \$5,000.
  - Five MoVIP classes would cost on average about \$1,625 per semester or \$3,250 for the entire school year.
  - Six MoVIP classes would cost on average about \$1,950 per semester or \$3,900 for the entire school year.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

In addition to MoVIP teacher support, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has contracted for professional staff to provide special education, counseling services and technical support for students. Contact information will be posted in mid-August.

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