



## Course Enrollment for Current Families 23-24 School Year

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1. Fill out Course Enrollment Form: [HERE](#) (Please do not navigate to SchoolMint after completing this form, SchoolMint is only required for Incoming families).
2. Fill out the following form: [Intent to Establish a Home Education Program](#)
3. Congratulations, your registration is complete for the 23-24 school year! Please join us at one of our Town Hall Meetings. Register [HERE](#).

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What does it mean to be a Home Learner in a Home Education Program?**
  - You have increased agency and choice in your scholar's educational journey, while ensuring they still receive excellent, teacher-directed instruction, and healthy social learning.
- **How does this benefit our family?**
  - Operating as a Virtual Instruction Provider (VIP), OAO (Optima Academy Online) parents and students will have increased flexibility to choose which courses to take and how to take them.
  - Students will not need to complete FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Testing) for any OAO courses taken and Physical Education courses are optional.
- **What support will I receive from OAO (Optima Academy Online) for my home learner?**
  - Scholars have access to our faculty daily for office hours, weekly for classical, Socratic conversations, as well as guidance services.
  - We offer excellent service to assist with the enrollment process, and social opportunities for scholars in virtual reality (VR).
- **What is the difference between LIVE and On-Demand?**
  - Click [HERE](#) to learn more.
- **I have a student in K-5 grade, what will that look like moving forward?**
  - **Grades K-2:** Courses are only offered on-demand. All lessons are pre-recorded.
    - Teacher access in afternoons during teacher office hours.
    - Parent/Guardian partnership is essential for successful completion of coursework.
  - **Grades 3-5:** LIVE option offered once a day on Microsoft Teams; LIVE lessons are recorded to be accessed as needed.

- Grades 4-5 have access to the VR component (accessible by headset or browser).
  - FAST Testing is not required, but still available if desired.
- **I have a student in 6-9 grade, what will that look like moving forward?**
  - We help facilitate the process of registering to learn at home, and then assist you with enrolling in up to 6 courses at OAO, whether LIVE on-demand or a combination of both approaches.
  - As a learner at home, your student(s) will not be required to take the FAST assessments.
  - OAO will supply all the requirements for learning at home, such as a report card for each course enrolled and we will maintain a portfolio of work as well.
- **How are courses accessed?**
  - The courses are accessed on-demand through our Canvas Learning Management System, for all grades.
  - Assignments and instructional modules will be released in 2-week intervals.
  - Coursework is made available on Friday afternoon for the following week.
  - This allows for some structure, but also flexibility for families.
- **How many courses can I enroll my child in as a home learner?**
  - 6 is the maximum number of courses a student can select from at one time.
- **What about ESE and ELL Services?**
  - If your student currently receives services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, or physical therapy, those will be serviced by your local school district, as well as ELL services.
  - OAO will enroll and serve students with 504s and IEPs, and we offer many accommodations such as extra time, tutoring and office hour opportunities, as well as the personalized and dedicated attention as needed. However, your school district will ultimately be responsible for compliance with the 501 or IEP.
- **How do I obtain proof of my child's course completion(s)?**
  - OAO will supply all the requirements for educating at home, including providing a report card for each course enrolled and maintaining a portfolio of course work completed.
- **Who do I contact if I have any questions regarding the Course Enrollment or Intent to Establish a Home Education Program forms?**
  - Please email [oca-registrar@optimaed.com](mailto:oca-registrar@optimaed.com). Someone from our Enrollment Team can assist you with these forms.