

# WMAAA Middle School Virtual Expectations



## Learning Platforms

- Michigan Virtual Student Learning Portal (SLP)  
<https://slp.michiganvirtual.org>
  - Students will have Math, Science, Social Studies (grades 7 & 8) and Language Arts on this site.
- Michigan Virtual Whole School (WS)  
<https://ws.michiganvirtual.org>
  - Students will have Spanish (elective) on this site.
- Google Classroom  
[Classroom.Google.com](https://Classroom.Google.com)
  - Students will be invited to join a Google Classroom (by grade level) hosted by Mr. Zock to keep relationships with WMAAA students and teachers and allow for attendance and record-keeping. These meetings are mandatory, unless you let Mr. Zock know that you can not attend.
  - 6th graders will have a Social Studies (Geography) Google Classroom class taught by Mr. Langholz.
  - The Grand Haven teachers might have a Google Classroom for their class.

## Michigan Virtual - How it Works

- Michigan Virtual is a learning platform that has curriculum aligned to state standards and engages students with the initial learning and instruction.
- Local teachers from Ottawa county act as facilitators of the online classes. Their role is to re-teach, review, and address areas of learning where more support is needed. If students need additional help beyond the daily meetings they can email their teacher and/or schedule a Google Meet or phone call.
- Using the combination of Michigan Virtual with local teachers allows us to deliver rigorous learning while maintaining local connections and relationships with students and families.
- Pacing and progress is measured within the platform. Students can see how far they have progressed and if they are on pace. The courses must be completed by January 22.
- Take Notes! Students are most successful if they take notes in a notebook as they progress through classwork. This is a proven practice for in-person or virtual learning.

## Google Meets

- Students are **REQUIRED** to attend a Google Meet **TWICE PER WEEK** (Tuesdays and Thursdays) with Mr. Zock. These meetings are essential in our process to record attendance in order to obtain state funding. Links will be emailed to the students and posted in their grade level Google Classroom. These meetings are a quick check-in - usually 10-15 minutes.
- The virtual class consortium teachers will also be asking students to attend Zoom or Google Meet meetings once or twice a week. These meetings are strongly encouraged.
  - Attendance is taken during each Google Meet. Google Meets may only last 15-20 minutes, but may be longer.
  - Teachers may also send out a Google Form that the students must fill out.
- The purpose of Google Meets is to build a learning community, address common questions/mistakes, and answer student questions. Teachers may provide re-teaching, review, or feedback.

## Grades and Retaking Quizzes

- Make sure to slow down and read the text, do the work, take notes and ask your teacher questions before taking the quiz.
- Quiz retakes are determined by the teacher. If this is an option, the teacher must reset the quiz. Please email the teacher stating the specific Quiz name/number and what you have done to prepare for the retake.

## Class Schedule

- WMAAA does not have a schedule of which classes the students need to complete on which days/times. Students may develop a schedule that works for them.
- See the grade level specific Google Doc schedule for each grade level for a schedule of the Class Meeting times. (This is attached as a Google Drive link)

## Communication

- To make sure the students are getting the information they need, in addition to checking the student's WMAAA email, please do the following:
  - Navigate to the Class Homepage (SLP site - Dashboard - Academic Snapshot - click on class) and scroll down to view the **Teacher Feed** where teachers are posting Meet links, announcements and pacing for the week.
  - Log in to the SLP site and go to the "**Student's Messages**" on the left side. Teachers may have sent a copy of any emails they sent here.
  - Teachers are also sending emails to parents as well, so even if a student is not receiving the email the parent might. Please check with your student to see if they need any of the information you have received.