

Clark County R-1 School District

FAQs for "Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program" (MOCAP)

The Clark County R-1 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 first be approved by the Clark County R-1 School District. Students who did not attend a public school or charter school in the previous semester are not eligible to take classes discussed in SB603.

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 Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, or contact the guidance office in the building your student attends.

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 Clark County R-1 School District. If a student is unenrolled from the Clark County R-1 School District at any time, the student's Clark County-sponsored participation in MOCAP courses also ends.

Must MOCAP students live within the Clark County R-1 School District boundaries?

Yes. By law, a registered student must reside within the district boundaries or pay tuition to the Clark County R-1 School District, currently established by the Board of Education at \$8,500 per student, per year. If a student moves out of the district at any time, the student is unenrolled from the Clark County R-1 School District and Clark County R-1-sponsored participation in MOCAP courses also ends.

What is the cost?

The cost of approved courses will be paid by the Clark County R-1 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 access this opportunity. Enrollment for MOCAP courses ends once the semester begins. Students enroll in MOCAP courses the same way they enroll in regular Clark County R-1 courses. To request enrollment for a MOCAP course, please complete the MOCAP enrollment form and take the form to your school counselor.

What courses are offered?

You can view the listing of DESE-approved courses at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website or the guidance office of the school in which your student attends.

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 Clark County campuses. 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, state statute, and MSHSAA policies. 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 Clark County R-1 faculty members. The district is not obligated to provide student 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.

Will exceptional learners such as ELL, 504, or IEP students be provided support?

Because MOCAP courses are not taught by Clark County R-1 faculty, support will be provided through the course vendor, not the Clark County R-1 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 Clark County R-1 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 teachers
- 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 Clark County R-1 School District has adopted Board policy in compliance with Senate Bill 603. Policy relating to MOCAP consists of two documents: Policy and Regulation 6190 Virtual Education.

Additional Questions?

Contact your building administration.

Request to Enroll in Virtual Course(s) Through MOCAP

Student or Parent/Guardian: Please complete this side and then submit it to your counselor with class enrollment materials.

Name of Student: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Semester for Enrollment: _____

	Name of Online Course	# Credits	Name of Online Course Provider*
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

*Parent/guardian/student: Check the MOCAP website for a list of vendors and courses available:

<https://mocap.mo.gov>

Parent/student please **initial ALL of the following** to indicate that you have read and understand them:

- _____ I understand that the CCR-1 School District is not required to provide access to computers, internet, or other necessary technology resources to students choosing to take a MOCAP course;
- _____ I understand that the CCR-1 School District is not required to provide a supervised location for students taking a MOCAP course to work on their course during the school day;
- _____ I understand that in order to be successful in an online course, a student must have good computer skills, time-management skills, persistence, and good written communication skills;
- _____ I understand that all MOCAP courses follow the same school calendar as in-seat courses. Students enrolled in MOCAP courses are expected to complete all course requirements by the end of the semester as stated on the Board-approved district calendar;

_____	I understand that students who enroll in MOCAP courses are expected to actively participate in those courses with the goal of completing each course. If a student does not actively participate in a course or is not successful in a course, the district may remove the student from the MOCAP course and refuse to enroll the student in a MOCAP course in the future;
_____	I understand that if I take a MOCAP course, the virtual provider, not the CCR-1 School District, will monitor and provide accommodations specified in my student's IEP or 504 plan and/or ELL support;
_____	I understand that I am responsible for understanding how my educational choices, including my decision to take a MOCAP course, may impact my student's MSHSAA or NCAA eligibility.

Counselors please complete the following:

Counselor Name: _____

_____ Student has attended a public school or charter school for at least one full semester immediately prior to the request. School name: _____

_____ Student resides within the district boundaries and is enrolled as a full-time student in the district;

_____ Course prerequisite courses have been successfully completed;

_____ Course request meets CCR-1 graduation requirements;

_____ Student is not carrying maximum academic load for the semester requested (i.e., this course would not be beyond the normal full load);

_____ (If applicable) Student has demonstrated success in previous online courses.

OPTIONAL Additional Information:

1. If the course is offered onsite by the district, are there extenuating circumstances that make it difficult or impossible for the student to take the onsite course offered by the district?

2. If the course is offered onsite by the district and the student is able to take that course, what are the reasons the student wants to take the course through MOCAP?

3. If the course is offered online by the district and the student is able to take that course, what are the reasons the student wants to take the course through MOCAP?

Counselors:

- If ALL of the above ARE checked, then...
 - ◆ Work with the building administration to confirm eligibility requirements are met and that MOCAP enrollment is in the best interest of the student
- If enrollment is deemed to be in the student's best interest, then...
 - ◆ Work with the MOSIS Coordinator to ensure the student is correctly enrolled in MOCAP courses
- If ONE or more items are NOT checked, OR if enrollment is deemed NOT in the student's best interest, then...
 - ◆ Send the completed form to the Superintendent

