

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I sign up for Options? *On the standard paper registration form for your geographic school, you will see a checkbox at the top of the form. On the computer form, you will find Options as a drop-down under the section for additional information.*

2. Do I have to order the program my student is using? *No, the program is paid for by the district, we will assign your student a seat in the program. Elementary students are using Accelerate and Secondary students are using Edgenuity.*

3. What are my choices for education options?

There is one curriculum choice depending on your child's level but there are two learning options available. The table below gives more information.

Elementary - Accelerate Curriculum Middle/High School - Edgenuity Curriculum			
<i>Structured Learning</i>	<i>Daily schedule</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Two virtual check-ins during the day</i> ● <i>Assigned lessons</i> ● <i>Learning Coach (Home) resources</i> ● <i>Graded assignments</i> ● <i>Teacher office hours at the end of the structured day</i> ● <i>Teacher available as resource by appointment.</i> 	<i>Independent Learning</i>	<i>Flexible schedule</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Learning Coach (Home) resources</i> ● <i>Graded assignments</i> ● <i>Teacher office hours</i> ● <i>Teacher available by appointment as resource throughout the day</i> ● <i>Daily interaction to include email, phone, virtual, turning in assignments, text, chats, etc.</i>

4. Can my student attend some Options courses and some courses at their geographic school? *Elementary students cannot split their schedule. Middle school/high school students can take some electives, subject to available space in the class. Examples might include Band and Shop. Art is also available through Options as Edgenuity classes.*

5. Can students drop in to Options for personal help? *Students can drop in by appointment for help in the morning or afternoon.*

6. What if I change my mind after starting at Options or in a geographic school? Can I change my enrollment choice? *Student enrollment can be changed within the first two weeks after the beginning of the term, at the quarter or at the semester.*

7. What is the difference between Options and another virtual school?

Options is local and has teachers that will respond more quickly than virtual schools. When a parent or student calls, they can usually get a person on the phone, versus leaving a message. A student can actually drop in to the school for extra help, if needed.

Our Accelerate program is very well put together. It was chosen over other programs because we think it is less “wordy” and more easily understood by elementary students, and easier to navigate. Our Edgenuity program is customized to match the existing master schedules at the FRMS and EHS. Our expert teachers in the two schools have created custom courses that align with the curriculum, ensuring the students are receiving the correct instruction and meeting state standards in the curriculum.

We offer live virtual classroom meetings every day for students.

Finally, we know these students and parents are in our community, and we care that they get the very highest quality education we can offer. A remote teacher that doesn’t know the students, families and community just doesn’t have the same empathy and perspective as a local teacher.

8. What if a student can work at an accelerated pace or needs to work more slowly?

The Independent Learning choice may work well for elementary students who want to work quickly and make detours along the way. The structured approach will allow for some extension and enrichment in the weekly lesson design.

The Structured Learning choice may work well for elementary students who want to work at a slower pace or need extra support. The weekly lesson design will have some scaffolding with identified key assignments to complete.

At the Middle/High school level, students are pretested in courses, and may be advanced more quickly based on their testing.

9. Do Options students go to school on Mondays? *No, due to the unique challenges of*

this year, Mondays are for staff training days, parent conferences, grading days and working to develop and improve online curriculum. However, Independent students or Structured students who are behind might opt to work on their own to catch up on Mondays.

10. Do Options students go every day Tuesday-Friday? *Yes, Options students will follow their structured learning schedule every day, Tuesday through Friday, or continue independent learning on their own schedule.*

11. Does the grade in Options transfer to a regular transcript? *Yes, Options courses are considered regular education courses from FRSD schools.*

12. If my child is on an IEP, can I sign up for Options? *A student can enroll through the normal registration process, but we urge parents to consult with the student's case manager before the transfer. A placement determination by the IEP case manager and/or IEP team will have to be held before the student can start school at Options.*