

The Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy (S-DOA) is a robust, fully online option for any parent or student. S-DOA was created out of necessity for students and parents who have concerns regarding returning to school amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, or who have underlying medical conditions that preclude them from attending traditional school. S-DOA is a rigorous learning opportunity with quality instruction. It will include the use of formative assessments, grades, feedback, progress monitoring, and re-teaching for mastery.

And while S-DOA was created out of necessity as a result of COVID-19, it is available to all students, providing maximum flexibility, and supporting families' individual and unique needs and circumstances.

By enrolling in S-DOA, you and your child are part of the Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools. Your child is permitted to participate in various school activities along with their traditional school peers; field trips, clubs, athletics, prom, and much more (please see more information below about high school athletics). Your child will be taught by Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools teachers and supported by Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools staff you know and trust. And your student will be under the jurisdiction of the Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools Board of Trustees you elected.

Special education students will be fully supported at S-DOA, including online therapy sessions when appropriate. For sessions that require face to face therapy, appointments will be available for students and parents to participate at one of our school buildings.

S-DOA has partnered with award-winning Edmentum to provide instructional technology resources to our students. More information regarding specific software products used at each grade span is provided below. Edmentum is supported locally by our representative who is a resident of Sunman-Dearborn and a parent of a recent graduate and three current students.

All students enrolled in S-DOA will take a formative assessment at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. S-DOA has partnered with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), a research-based, not-for-profit organization with 40 years of experience specializing in K-12 assessment, to provide our online formative assessment. NWEA integrates directly with Edmentum's ExactPath to determine your child's Learning Path. Please see below for more information about ExactPath.

All students in grades 3-8 and some high school students are required to participate in the state testing program. The test must be completed and proctored at school.

## Elementary - K-5

The elementary school curriculum will be delivered and taught by licensed teachers who provide instruction exclusively for S-DOA. Instruction will be delivered through a blend of live instruction through Google Meet and through various online technology resources. Live sessions will be recorded for students who were unable to attend the live session or for students to review for additional support. Students will have access to educational resources used in the traditional classroom as well. S-DOA will use <a href="Reading Eggs">Reading Eggs</a>press, <a href="Math Seeds">Math Seeds</a>, <a href="Study Study Island">Study Island</a>, and <a href="ExactPath">ExactPath</a> from Edmentum to support instruction and learning. More information about each of these products can be found by clicking on the product which will take you to the Edmentum overview video on YouTube.

## Middle School - 6-8

The middle school curriculum will be delivered and taught by licensed teachers who provide traditional instruction as well as instruction for S-DOA students. Teachers will have time set aside in their schedule to support S-DOA students. Instruction will be delivered primarily through <a href="Edmentum Courseware">Edmentum Courseware</a>. Individual and small-group help sessions will be provided through live Google Meet and through Edmentum's <a href="Study Island">Study Island</a>. More information about each of these products can be found by clicking on the product which will take you to the Edmentum overview video on YouTube. Live sessions will be recorded for students who were unable to attend the live session, or for students to review for additional support.

Students will have the flexibility to attend S-DOA part-time and come to school to participate in electives that are not conducive to online learning, or co-curricular courses such as band, choir, and agriculture. The school will coordinate with the parent to group elective courses together or provide at the beginning or end of the day to allow parents to take advantage of school bus transportation to school in the morning, or home in the afternoon. Parents will be required to provide transportation during other times of the day. Students will be permitted to participate in after school activities including athletics and clubs.

## High School - 9-12

The high school curriculum will be very similar to the middle school. Instruction will be delivered and taught by licensed teachers who provide traditional instruction and instruction for S-DOA students. Teachers will have time set aside in their schedule to support S-DOA students. Instruction will be delivered primarily through <a href="Edmentum Courseware">Edmentum Courseware</a>. Individual and small-group help sessions will be provided through live Google Meet and through Edmentum's <a href="Study Island">Study Island</a>. More information about each of these products can be found by clicking on the product which will take you to the Edmentum overview video on YouTube. Live sessions will be recorded for students who were unable to attend the live session or for students to review for additional support.

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transportation to school in the morning, or home in the afternoon. Parents will be required to provide transportation during other times of the day. Students will be permitted to participate in after school activities including athletics and clubs. (Please note: Current IHSAA by-laws require "virtual students" to take at least one (1) class on campus. We are waiting for further clarification.)

In addition, at the high school, traditional students will be able to take advantage of the expansive S-DOA course catalog to enroll in individual courses not offered at East Central High School. These students will remain on campus and will be provided a supervised area to work online for a period to complete the course during the school day.

Please be watching the website at <u>www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us</u>, for much more information as it becomes available.

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