

# Methacton SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Methacton Virtual Academy through Brandywine Virtual Academy**  
*Overview Guide for Families*

July 2021

## General Information

Families opting for virtual, on-line instruction in the 2021-2022 school year will be working with the Methacton Virtual Academy (MVA) through Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA). BVA is operated by the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU). BVA provides online learning, on behalf of partner school districts, to students who desire or need a flexible, online learning environment. In Methacton, this is referred to as MVA - Methacton Virtual Academy.

## Coursework at MVA/BVA

MVA/BVA curriculum includes and assess Pennsylvania state standards. Students may work at their own pace as long as they meet deadlines.

## Teachers at MVA/BVA

Teachers are employed through Brandywine Virtual Academy. BVA teachers are available by phone, in virtual offices and by email. Teachers have frequent communication with students, primarily through email, and if requested, they will copy local school contacts on any electronic communications.

## Typical Day at MVA/BVA

Staying on track while participating in on-line learning is key! Participation is measured by logging in to school, being active in assignments and completing your work. Seeking help when you need it, establishing your own daily schedule and meeting deadlines are key components.

Progress in classes can be checked in Genius Student Information System by students, their parent(s) and a district contact person. These reports will show the number of assignments that have been completed, grade averages and activity minutes spent in each course.

A sample daily "to-do list for students is as follows:

- Log into Genius
  - The best time to work is Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (similar to a normal school day)
- Check your progress in each class
- Check your messages from teachers, teaching support staff, etc. and respond if applicable
- Check your calendar for important dates and deadlines
- Access your Odysseyware, Edgenuity and/or BVA course
- Based on any due dates, make a goal sheet for assignment completion
  - Complete 2-3 assignments per course every weekday (Monday - Friday)
  - On average, it takes about an hour to complete work for each course
  - Check with your teaching support assistant as needed

## Online Student Success

MVA/BVA looks to the following 4 measures to determine online learning success:

### *Maintaining Pace*

- Work one hour per weekday if in a full-year course, and two hours per day if on a block schedule
- Check your progress in Genius and the Learning Management System in which you are working

### *Staying in Touch*

- Check your email and Genius messages daily
- Visit the Virtual Office (VO) to see your teachers and support liaisons
- Attend webinars and special events to connect you to other students

### *Maintaining Grades*

- Attempt assignments again, whenever it is allowed
- Ask teachers to explain feedback so you can improve
- Come to the Virtual Office to review tough concepts

### *Honoring Rules*

- Read and follow the policies of MVA/BVA and your district
- Mark your calendar with important dates
- Treat fellow students, teachers and school property with respect and care.

## Support Information

Student Support	(484)237-5350 or info@bvapa.org
Technology Support	(484)237-5450 or HelpDesk@bvapa.org
Course Content	Ask your teacher - check Genius for each teacher's contact information
Scheduling of Courses, Special Needs	Reach out to School District

## Further Information

The complete BVA Student Handbook may be accessed here:

[https://pa50000545.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/PA50000545/Centricity/Domain/76/FinalBVA0520003%20BVA%20Handbook ADA%20COMPLIANT 2020%202021.pdf](https://pa50000545.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/PA50000545/Centricity/Domain/76/FinalBVA0520003%20BVA%20Handbook%20ADA%20COMPLIANT%20202021.pdf)

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