

# THE MCS PRESS

## Madison Consolidated Schools: eLearning Days

For the last five years, Madison Consolidated Schools has been researching, planning, and implementing in preparation for a digital future. MCS teachers began receiving school issued mobile devices with the roll-out three years ago and all teachers had a device by last year. This past summer, 74% of our teachers participated in eLearning conferences and curriculum planning. Continuing professional development is occurring in multiple formats to help support our teachers with classroom technology integration. During eLearning days, teachers will receive professional development in addition to specialized digital curriculum planning time.

### Secondary (6th-12th)

Madison Consolidated Schools Secondary eLearning Days offer full access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers. Teachers will create lessons in My Big Campus, the school's learning management system. These lessons will be interactive and relate to the Indiana State Standards for the specific class. Six eLearning Days will occur throughout the school year and students will have access to teachers virtually throughout the day. If students do not have Internet at home, they may attend either a study hall hosted by the school where wifi is accessible or one of the open computer labs, the public library, a friend's home, or one of the numerous local businesses offering free wi-fi. All students will be required to submit materials electronically for every class.

### Elementary (K-5th)

Elementary students will participate in fewer eLearning Days during the year and all electronic assignments will be completed on campus. Each grade level will have a digital learning project to complete across the three days scheduled for later in the year. Higher education students and eLeaders will work with students to create a video project that relates to an Indiana State Standard.

For all of our eLearning Days, bus routes, food service, and extra-curricular activities will operate on their normal schedules. These instructional days are counted as regular learning days for our students.

MCS views eLearning Days as an instrumental preparation for college and careers. The 2012 Survey of Online Learning reveals that the number of students taking at least one online course has now surpassed 6.7 million with 32% of current college students taking at least one course online. Our mission at MCS is to educate all students to reach their potential and we recognize that online experiences are foundational to future growth and success.

## A Note from the Superintendent

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. Classrooms throughout Madison Consolidated Schools provide models of excellence when it comes to the way teachers teach and how students learn. But this year in particular, I look forward to enhancing our digital-based learning tools that are essential for our students learning. If we want our students to be competitive in this day and age, we must integrate technology in curriculum and instruction. Madison Consolidated Schools is steadfastly committed to ensuring that our students are thoroughly engaged in innovative, digital media experiences to impact the quality of their learning. I hope you will support us as we embrace technology and continue our digital journey.

**Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger, Ph.D.**  
Superintendent

## Secondary eLearning Day Participation

**94.3%**

chose to learn  
**VIRTUALLY**



**AND**

**5.7%**  
elected to learn  
**ON CAMPUS**

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