



## March Newsletter Office of Curriculum & Instruction

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### **Rural Virtual Academy Application Window Open**

The enrollment window for virtual school is now open. SDWD families who might be interested in having children attend school virtually full time during the 2023-24 school year can now enroll in Rural Virtual School (RVA). SDWD and RVA have a partnership for virtual students. Students stay enrolled in SDWD but attend school virtually through RVA. If this is something of interest, please follow the link below and you will find more information and directions on how to enroll in RVA. The enrollment window is only open until April 1st. Even if this is just something you might be interested in for 2023-24 we encourage you to follow the link at the bottom of this page to apply and get on the RVA list for next year.

### **What are the Benefits of RVA?**

RVA is a charter school through the Medford School District. RVA is a PK-12 virtual school with high expectations for students. Each student has a daily schedule and attendance is expected. The daily schedule typically includes multiple chunks of live virtual instruction and then independent learning time. The SDWD and RVA partnership includes the following benefits:

- Students are able to stay enrolled in their home district of the SDWD. Although they reside in SDWD, students attend RVA but do not have to open enroll into another district. This partnership is what separates RVA from other virtual schools.
- Because students are still enrolled in SDWD, they can participate in activities and athletics here.
- Students are able to take some classes face-to-face while being enrolled in RVA fulltime virtually. Tech Ed or Music Courses are an example of this.
- SDWD will have “Learning Centers” in some of our schools for fulltime virtual students to come in and work on RVA and receive support from SDWD staff.
- Needed technology is provided by RVA for fulltime virtual students.
- Students can still earn an SDWD diploma upon graduation from high school.

[RVA Application](#)