Distance Learning vs. Monroe Virtual Learning Academy

At-A-Glance

Families can choose between a distance learning option or the new Monroe Virtual Learning Academy for the 2020-21 school year. While they sound similar, they have some key differences.

DISTANCE → HYBRID → IN-PERSON	MONROE VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY (MVLA)
Students will begin the year with distance learning from home and transition back to the classroom at their home school when it is safe to do so	Students will learn from home for the entire 2020-21 school year (they may opt into distance/hybrid learning at the semester break, but that is not ideal)
Students are in class(es) with students in their grade from their home school	Students will be grouped with others across the district, not necessarily in their grade or from their home school
Classes are taught by teachers from the student's home school	Classes are taught by Monroe teachers, but not necessarily teachers from the student's home school
Classes will follow a set daily schedule which includes a mix of work on and off the computer - available on the website	Classes will follow a set daily schedule which includes a mix of work on and off the computer - TBD
Students will use the <u>Canvas</u> learning platform to submit school work	Students will use the Canvas learning platform to submit school work
Curriculum used will be the current Board approved district curriculum options adapted for online learning	Curriculum used will be from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Approved Online Course Provider list. MSD chose the Florida Virtual School (K-12) as it was the best fit for our students
High school students will be taking four classes per semester, each class worth 1 credit, for a total of 8 credits per year	High school students will be taking four classes per semester, each class worth 1 credit, for a total of 8 credits per year

