

Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy (S-DOA)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
2021-2022 School Year

**What is S-DOA?**

The Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy (S-DOA) is an educational option provided for all students in grades K-12. S-DOA began during the 2020-2021 school year as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and an option for students and parents.

**Is S-DOA a charter school?**

No. S-DOA is not a charter school. Each student enrolled in S-DOA is enrolled at one of the five (5) schools in Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools; East Central High School, East Central Middle School, Bright Elementary School, North Dearborn Elementary School, or Sunman Elementary School.

**Can students enrolled in S-DOA participate in extracurricular activities?**

Yes. All students enrolled in S-DOA can participate in any extracurricular activity offered at Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools; fine arts such as band or choir, after school clubs such as FFA or FCCLA, and athletics.

**What changes are coming to S-DOA as part of the 2021-2022 school year?**

Based on student, parent, and teacher feedback, some improvements are coming to S-DOA for the 2021-2022 school year. Some of the changes include field trips and social outings for S-DOA students, and networking opportunities for parents. In addition, for grades 6-12, S-DOA has partnered with EdOptions Academy to provide more course offerings and live instruction.

**What courses are offered through S-DOA?**

For grades K-5, S-DOA offers the same courses as traditional school. For grades 6-12, through our partnership with EdOptions Academy, over 400 courses are offered.

**How do I register for S-DOA?**

Registration will open in early July. Parents will register their students via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The deadline to register for S-DOA is Friday, July 23rd.

**Can my student transfer back to traditional school?**

Parents may request to transfer to traditional school at the end of each semester.



**What are the expectations regarding grades and attendance?**

For grade levels K-5, S-DOA is designed and intended to be a live learning environment delivered remotely. Therefore, students can work anywhere there is an internet connection. To be considered present students are required to attend live instructional sessions via Google Meet each day school is in session. With teacher approval, some students may view recorded instructional sessions to be considered present.

For grade levels 6-12, S-DOA is designed and intended to be a hybrid of both learning environments. Instruction is both live and computer-based. Therefore, students can work anywhere there is an internet connection. S-DOA students are recommended to work in their online courses daily. Student progress will be monitored closely. Although flexibility in choosing instructional times is a benefit to S-DOA, students must maintain their progress in all courses.

More information can be found in the 2021-2022 Student/Parent Handbook.

**Where can I find more information about S-DOA?**

Much more information including a promotional video, the 2021-2022 Student/Parent Handbook, and a list of 6-12 course offerings can be found at the S-DOA website at [www.sdoa.us](http://www.sdoa.us).

