

SCMS Digital Academy:

The SCMS Digital Academy is a new way of teaching our students at SCMS, and one that we are very excited about! LCS bought access to a Learning Management System called Canvas. LCS acquired licenses from the Florida Virtual School for their curriculum, assignments, and assessments. All students that choose the SCMS Digital Academy option will remain SCMS students and be part of our SCMS family. The students will be assigned their four core courses and will be able to choose two electives.

SCMS is going to make every attempt to use SCMS teachers for our digital academy. However, in order to provide the opportunities for our students to have the courses/electives they would like to take and need, we may need to work with other LCS middle schools to provide the content and the teacher. This will all be dependent upon the numbers of SCMS students that choose the SCMS Digital Academy as their instructional option. We will be making a call to each student's home who has chosen an SCMS band, chorus, or theater course as an elective. SCMS Digital Academy teachers will maintain assigned office hours each day during normal school hours. The students will be kept on track with what is happening in conventional classrooms through weekly assignments and assessments to complete. They will have live meetings with their teacher, if needed, during the office hours. They also will have live (synchronous) and/or recorded (asynchronous) teacher instruction. Students will still be able to participate in SCMS' extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs, when these are made available to all students.

SCMS Digital Academy is different from Leon Virtual School in that our teachers will be able to give direct instruction similar to what takes place in the traditional classroom. Students who chose this option will have to remain in the SCMS Digital Academy for a complete semester at a time. The lessons will be catered to SCMS students, and should that student want to come back to the brick and mortar classroom second semester, they will be able to transition smoothly without missing any material or instruction.

Students on School Choice will be able to remain at SCMS and this will not affect their reassignment status.