

KRESA Virtual & Innovative Collaborative
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Greetings Families and Students,

I want to thank you for participating in the KRESA Virtual & Innovative Collaborative (KVIC). We are excited to join with you in helping to facilitate an engaging and rewarding learning experience for your child this year. KVIC is an asynchronous program where student learning and instruction occurs on a self-paced schedule with flexibility around when work is completed. As a family you have the flexibility to set a work schedule for your student at times when it works best for your child and your family.

As we prepare for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year, I want to share a few details to help answer questions and support your planning for the 1st week of school.

KVIC will follow the start dates of your home district. Those **districts beginning August 31st** should have received an email with log-in information. 1st semester for all students runs from August 31st – January 15th.

Elementary Grades K-5

You should have received an email from **Pulse** (Lincoln Learning system). This email was sent to the email address provided on your KVIC registration. Please check your inbox or even spam for this email. If you have not received an email regarding your child's log-in information with username and password, please contact me at kvic@kresa.org. We have been notified that some emails provided you with usernames and passwords and some provided usernames without passwords. If you did not receive a password, you can still gain access to the student learning portal by going to the website (see web address below) and enter the student username provided in the email, then select "Forgot Password". This will prompt the system to send a temporary password, to the email you provided, which you can then use to login. Once you log in you will be prompted to change your password. This information has also been provided to your KVIC District Facilitator who can provide you additional support as needed. Elementary students/families can expect to receive a welcome letter from your teacher the 1st week of school along with information about how they will engage in work the 1st week. Elementary students have the same teacher for core classes (math, ELA, social studies, & science). They may have a different teacher for their electives.

Secondary Grades 6-8

You should have received an email from Michigan Virtual University (MVU). This email was mostly likely sent to your child's district email. You will receive an initial email providing a student username and password. Once all course enrollments are completed, secondary students will also receive emails confirming their registration for each course. The email will provide the course, teacher name, & start and end dates. Please review courses to ensure scheduling is correct. For any questions or issues regarding course schedules please feel free to contact me at kvic@kres.org. Please include your child's name, home district, email address, and contact number. Secondary students can expect to see a welcome letter from their teachers as they log into each class along with information about how they will engage



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in work the 1st week. KVIC follows the model of KRESA's other secondary countywide programs, students are assigned teachers from across the county as the teacher of record for their various courses. Each teacher will provide information on office hours, and contact information to schedule additional time and supports.

We ask for your patience as we are processing a significant amount of registrations, enrollments, and schedule changes all at once. We want to ensure your child has the right fit for his/her classes this year and we will work with you to make sure we meet their learning needs.

Students in home districts **beginning September 8, 2020** you should receive emails with log-in information and course enrollments no later than next week. Please check your inbox or even spam for this email. If you have not received an email regarding your child's log-in information with username and password **by September 3rd**, please contact me at kvic@kresa.org. Districts with delay starts will not miss content or learning we will work to adjust pacing to ensure students cover all content, are prepared for exams, and ready to move forward for second semester.

Websites to student learning portals:

Pulse: <https://learn.lincolnlarningsolutions.org/>

MVU: <https://slp.michiganvirtual.org/publicwelcome.aspx>

Below is a list of your KVIC **District Facilitators**. They are your district support person and will aid you in scheduling, assessments, and district support services. They can also provide information regarding your child's assigned mentor.

<p>Galesburg-Augusta Patti Groetsema GAKVICFacilitator@garams.org</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Public Kim Kirshman kirshmankm@kalamazoopublicschools.n</p>	<p>Parchment Sarah Neumann sarah.neumann@kresa.org</p>
<p>Portage Clint Wagner cwagner1@portageps.org</p>	<p>Schoolcraft Amy Lawrence lawrencea@schoolcraftcs.org</p>	<p>Vicksburg Elementary - Tamara Young tyoung@vicksburgschools.org Secondary - Denise Berry dberry@vicksburgschools.org</p>

Along with your District Facilitator, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We are here to ensure you and your student have a rewarding KVIC experience.

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