



Eau Claire Virtual School

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Dear Eau Claire Virtual School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! The staff members of the Eau Claire Virtual School (ECVS) are very excited to welcome your students back for the new school year! We hope your summer has been enjoyable, and that you and your students are looking forward to the growth that will occur over this school year. This letter provides logistics to start the year. You may also find supply lists, and the District calendar, on ECVS's web page, www.ecasd.us/ecvs.

Background on Mr. Schmitt, Principal of Flynn

I am beginning my 34th year with the Eau Claire Area School District. I came to Eau Claire in 1990 and found it to be a wonderful place to learn and grow. I started my career teaching at North High School for 16 years before working at the Administration Building in a variety of roles (Curriculum, Assessment, Technology, and Teaching & Learning). I also will be leading the Flynn Elementary School this year. ECVS staff work both at Flynn Elementary School and virtually.

Background on ECVS

ECVS is beginning its fourth year. As a charter school, it was formed through a partnership with the Eau Claire Virtual School, Inc., who continue to serve as its governance board. The governance board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4:45 PM, excluding June and July. Their meetings are publicly posted, and the public is welcome to attend those meetings.

ECVS first graduated students in 2019-20. At that time the school was open to students in grades 6-12. Last year the school had enrollment just under 200 students in grades K-12 in its fourth year. Currently, students receive content differently as they progress through ECVS. This chart summarizes that learning progression.

Grade Levels	Instructors	Curriculum
K-6	Eau Claire Area School District	Pearson Connexus
7-12	Pearson	Pearson Connexus

Staff at ECVS

- Debbie Nemitz (School Secretary, 715-852-3501)
- Lisa Steig (School Counselor, 715-852-3508)
- Tiffany Hall (Special Education Teacher)
- Elissa Trautlein (Special Education Teacher)
- Deborah Skalecki (Grades 1-3 Teacher)
- Katie Matera (Grades K and 4-6 Teacher)
- Carling McLaughlin (Media & Technology Integration Specialist)
- Jim Schmitt (Principal, 715-852-3081)

Family Orientation Sessions

Families were sent an email to sign up for one of the following orientation time slots.

1. August 24
 - a. 11:30-12:30 (Grades K-6)
 - b. 5:30-6:30 (Grades 7-12)
2. August 30
 - a. 11:30-12:30 (Grades 7-12)
 - b. 5:30-6:30 (Grades K-6)
3. August 31 (Grades 7-12)
 - a. 7:00-8:00 AM
 - b. 8:30-9:30
 - c. 12:00-1:00
 - d. 5:30-6:30

Technology (Grades K-12)

All ECVS students will be issued a district-supported laptop. Students in K-6 have a touchscreen device. Students who did not return devices from last year will need to do so during orientation day.

Schedules (Grades 7-12)

Students in grades 7-12 have schedules that include electives. If you have any questions about your student's schedule, please contact our counselor, Lisa Steig, lsteig@ecasd.us, or by phone at 715-852-3508.

Your Pearson Connexus Account Information (Grades 4-12)

Please use the link below to access Pearson Connexus, our learning platform. You will want to bookmark it so that you have it for ready reference! Courses will begin on Thursday, September 1.

Grades K-6 Pearson Link: <https://ecvs-elementary.lms.pearsonconnexus.com/>

Grades 7-12 Pearson Link: <https://ecvs.lms.pearsonconnexus.com/>

Student Account

Username: Student ID used to log into Skyward

Password: ECVS2023! (please change this after first logging in)

Learning Coach Account

Username: Parent ID used to log into Skyward

Password: ECVS2023! (please change this after first logging in)

Picture Day (Grades K-12)

Picture Day is Wednesday, August 30 and Thursday, August 31, at Flynn Elementary School during orientation sessions. Pictures are needed for multiple reasons:

1. Pictures are great family records of student growth.
2. These pictures are stored in our student information system, Skyward, so we have a record of each student.
3. School student identification cards use student pictures. These cards allow for student access to school resources.
 - a. Free entry into Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) athletic events (not for tournament events)
 - b. Check items out from ECASD library system

Welcome Back Picnic (Grades K-12)

Every September, ECVS hosts a family picnic. This year's event will be on Tuesday, September 19, from 6:00-7:30 PM at Flynn Elementary School. Apple-themed foods will be provided. ECVS staff and governance board members will be in attendance. We will have a variety of activities available for families.

Monthly you will receive ECVS's family newsletter, *The Griffin*. We hope you will find these communications helpful in our collective efforts to support your family.

Sincerely,



Jim Schmitt
Principal