

KFLEX

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

➤ **What is KFLEX?**

KRESA Focused Learning Experience (KFLEX) is a virtual learning program operated cooperatively by the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) and participating local school districts for grades 6-12. KFLEX is a virtual learning model adapted from programming that has been operating regionally for years. It provides a personalized, relevant and challenging online learning plan for every student, with intentional connections to career awareness, exploration, and work-based learning.

➤ **Why is KRESA running a virtual program?**

KFLEX is an innovative option for any students who prefer an alternative to traditional schooling. The KFLEX program was developed to support the local school districts of the KRESA service area to offer a completely virtual 6-12 learning option to students and families who desire a different way “to do school”, yet still wish to remain a part of their local school district.

➤ **Is there flexibility for my child to move between KFLEX and their local school district?**

The KFLEX program was developed as a full year virtual option for students and families. For families looking for a part-time virtual alternative, we encourage you to work with your local school district to review available scheduling options. Although KFLEX was developed as a full-year program, if there is a need to return to your local district, transfer options will be reviewed at the beginning/ending of semesters/trimesters. Students will not be able to transition between the KFLEX program and traditional face-to-face school during a semester/trimester.

➤ **What is the Cost?**

KFLEX is a tuition-free program with cost paid by the local school district.

➤ **Who will be teaching/supporting my child?**

KFLEX students will be taught by highly qualified, experienced local teachers within the KRESA Service Area. Every student will have an assigned mentor from their local district. Together the teacher and local mentor will support student learning, attendance and progress. The student’s district-provided mentor is a key contact for students and families to stay connected and engaged with their local district and ensure they stay up to date on services, activities, and opportunities.

➤ **What curriculum will KFLEX use for students?**

The KFLEX program will use curriculum content developed through Accelerate Learning. Courses identified as “*Elective Experiences*” are supported through KRESA Curriculum Development. The courses are aligned with Michigan Grade and Subject-Level Content Expectations. The courses allow for teachers to customize learning.

➤ **What classes will my child take in the KFLEEx program?**

Most student courses will be similar to those they would take in traditional face-to-face school. In addition, KFLEEx Project Learning Experience courses focus on career exploration and are designed based on a multi-age problem of practice with real world project-based learning experiences. KFLEEx Work-Based Learning Experience course allows students to participate in internships in their interested career field receiving on the job experiences and work-based skills to increase employability opportunities. Students will work toward graduation requirements based on their local district requirements. The local district will award the student's diploma. See [KFLEEx Programming Course Catalog](#) for more information.

➤ **What does the school day look like in KFLEEx?**

Student learning in KFLEEx is done both asynchronously (learning that occurs through online channels without real-time interaction), and synchronously (real time learning & interaction with a teacher). Student learning and instruction will occur on a self-paced schedule with flexibility around when work is completed. Students can work at times when it is optimal for them. A student course load will be the same as in their local school district traditional classes. Students will interact with their teacher and district mentor in weekly live sessions that provide individualized support, enrichment, and engagement.

➤ **What are the enrollment requirements for KFLEEx?**

Families must officially enroll their child in a local school district in order to participate in the KFLEEx program. Each local district has a district facilitator that oversees KFLEEx enrollment, registration, orientation, student records, and final grades. ***KFLEEx enrollment is open now, and closes on Monday, August 9, 2021.*** Please contact your local school district to make an appointment with the KFLEEx Facilitator for more details.

➤ **When does the KFLEEx program begin?**

KFLEEx begins classes on August 30, 2021.

➤ **Can students with Special Education needs, IEPs, and/or 504s attend the KFLEEx program?**

KFLEEx is open to all students within the KRESA Service Area. Students with specialized education needs will work with the local district to determine if the KFLEEx program is appropriate for the student and aligned with the student's IEP goals. Special education programming and services will be provided by the student's local district. KFLEEx teachers will provide reasonable accommodations to help all students be successful.

➤ **Can students in the KFLEEx program still participate in county-wide Education for Employment (EFE), Education for the Arts (EFA), and Early Middle College programs?**

KFLEEx students can participate in countywide EFE, EFA, and EMC programs. Parents/ Families will need to provide transportation to these programs.

➤ **Will students enrolled in the KFLEEx program be able to participate in sports and/or other activities in their local districts?**

All KFLEEx students are students of their local districts. Students and families will work with their local district to determine eligibility for athletics and other school activities.

➤ **How do I get more information about the KFLEEx program?**

Families should contact the KFLEEx district facilitator at their local district for enrollment questions. Additional information can be found on the KRESA website at www.kresa.org/kflex or contact us at KFLEEx@kresa.org.