FAQs for OSSM Virtual Program

- What is the schedule for this course?
    - Most courses start in August and end in May. There are two semesters. Depending on interest and instructor availability, some classes may also be offered January to May only (one semester).
- How much does it cost?
    - Tuition and supplies are free; however, OSSM is unable to cover the cost of the AP test. Students are responsible for the cost of the AP test.
- How are students' grades recorded on transcripts?
    - Policies vary by school, and students must get permission from their current high school to enroll in the OSSM Virtual Program. Grades are typically recorded as ½ credit in both fall and spring. Each high school determines whether it's weighted.
- What will current high school personnel (typically the counselor) need to do?
    - High school personnel must coordinate with OSSM and the student for enrollment logistics. The school must also register students for AP exams and proctor practice AP exams.
    - Schools must also provide proctors for in-person exams. There are usually three to four per class and take about 1 to 1.5 hours each.
- How much time should students spend on this course?
    - Homework varies by course. Most require one hour per day for a year-round class.
- Does the Virtual Program have snow days?
    - Because classes are virtual, the OSSM Virtual Program does not observe snow days. If students don't have internet access at home, time can be made up with the instructor.
- Absences & Attendance
    - One of the most attractive benefits of the Virtual Program is that it allows students to continue to participate in extracurricular activities at their home high schools. While many of the assignments are virtual, students must continue to complete assignments and engage with the coursework, which includes meeting with instructors at dedicated times. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program or a failing grade.
- Progress Reports
    - Reports are sent at pre-scheduled times at the end of quarters 1 and 3. Official grades are sent following quarters 2 and 4.
- What platform does the Virtual Program use?
    - OSSM utilizes Canvas, a web-based learning management system. The url is https://www.instructure.com/canvas/login
- What does the enrollment process look like.
    - Interested students must apply (admission process). Details are on the OSSM website (www.ossm.edu) under the "Virtual" tab.

- What are the pre-requisites for enrolling in the VP?
  - Requirements vary by class. AP Pre-Calculus required completion of Algebra 2; AP Environmental Science requires completion or concurrent enrollment in Algebra 2 and physical science; AP Physics C:Electricity & Magnetism requires completion of AP Physics C: Mechanics.
- What if I want to take a different course than is currently available?
  - If there is a class you do not see, please contact Jessica Decker. If there is sufficient interest, the class may be offered although OSSM cannot guarantee class availability.