

## The Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP)

Calhoun R-VIII makes every attempt to meet the curricular needs of all of its students by offering a wide range of course offerings and opportunities. In cases where student need is not being met by these course offerings, the recently passed Senate Bill 603 (referred to as "MOCAP") attempts to address this gap.

MOCAP was passed with the intent of:

- Expanding the range of courses and opportunities offered to students
- Offering courses for students when there are no qualified teachers to teach the course
- Allowing students to take a course not offered at the local school district

In brief, MO Senate Bill 603 states that:

Students who have been enrolled full time in a public or charter school for at least one semester immediately prior may enroll part-time or full-time in the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program (MOCAP). Enrollment must be approved by Calhoun R-VIII School. A student with a documented medical or psychological condition that prevented the student from attending school during the previous semester shall be exempt from the requirement that a student is enrolled full-time in and attended a public school for at least one semester in order to enroll in Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program courses.

If you feel that your or your child might benefit from this program, enrollment takes place the same time enrollment takes place for other Calhoun R-VIII courses. Students should enroll in MOCAP courses the same way they enroll for regular Calhoun R-VIII courses, i.e. with their counselor. Here is what you need to do:

- 1) Check that it is not too late to apply: The deadline for adding a MOCAP course(s) to a student's schedule is the same as for adding a face-to-face course(s), which is the 3rd day after the start of the semester.
- 2) Complete the form requesting to take a MOCAP course with counselor.
- 3) Schedule a time to meet with the counselor and go over the request and options;
- 4) If your student has an IEP, the IEP team will need to meet to consider the request. Your student's counselor can help with that;

Any request to take a MOCAP course that is denied by Calhoun R-VIII School can be appealed. Information about the appeals process will be sent to parents along with notification of the denial. For more information about the appeals process please contact Tim Holman, 660-694-3422.

Related Resources:

SB 603:

[http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472003](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472003)

DESE's MOCAP Information Page: <https://mocap.mo.gov/about.html>

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