

Own the Future: Enroll Today in New Statewide Digital Academy

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New Statewide Public-School Program Will Set Students on Path to Education – and Career – Success

CREVE COEUR, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- With demand for online school options at an all-time high, enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year at Missouri Digital Academy (**MODA**), a new full-time, public-school program for Missouri students in grades K-9.

Sponsored by the Laquey R-V School District, MODA will provide students with a standards-aligned curriculum facilitated by highly qualified Missouri-certified teachers, from the safety of their homes or anywhere with an internet connection. And with the school's unique career-focused approach, students can pair a solid academic foundation with hands-on learning experiences in career exploration.

In addition to core classes, students at MODA can take career-focused electives to explore their options in high-demand fields such as Business and Marketing, IT and Cybersecurity, Interior Design, and Restaurant and Food Services.

According to labor market data from **Indeed.com**, more than 7,000 job openings posted in Missouri in the last year require an education level less than a bachelor's degree. And with 800K **Missouri residents** carrying nearly \$29 billion in student loan debt, MODA is opening at a time when families need learning options that will strengthen students' future educational prospects.

"Now that it's easier for Missouri families to choose virtual schooling, students will need options that prepare them for personal and professional success," said Executive Director Steve Richards. "As an online school with a proven track record of success as part of its curriculum, MODA is proud to introduce families to a learning environment

that meets their needs today and sets them on a path for a bright future.”

MODA’s curriculum is provided by **Stride, Inc.**, an education leader with more than 20 years of experience delivering online education to students across the country. Stride has worked with schools and districts across all 50 states to help develop local solutions to meet personalized online and blended learning goals.

Enrollment at Missouri Digital Academy is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, visit **MODA today**.

About Missouri Digital Academy

Missouri Digital Academy (MODA) is a full-time online learning program for students statewide in grades K-9 and will serve students starting in the fall of this year. MODA is tuition-free to Missouri students and gives families the choice to access the curriculum provided by Stride Career Prep, a Stride, Inc. company (NYSE: LRN). Stride Career Prep offers learners of all ages an effective way to learn and build their skills for the future. For more information, please visit **MODA today**.

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