

Virtual Learning Academy Program

The Virtual Learning Academy represents a partnership between the Medina County Schools' ESC and our customer school districts. It provides students the opportunity to complete their high school graduation requirements. Students can access online courses twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. This allows students to schedule schoolwork around work schedules, family responsibilities, medical treatment and other circumstances that prohibit them from attending their home high school. Students work from home to earn a high school diploma from their home school.

Middle School Courses

Grades 6, 7, and 8

7th Grade

English 7
Math 7
Environmental Science/Kids4Earth
World History 7

8th Grade

8th English-Language of Literature
8th Grade Pre-Algebra
8th Grade Physical Science
Civics 8
8th Grade United States History
8th Grade Junior High Health



High School Courses

9th Grade ENGLISH

English Fundamentals (1)

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History (1)

11th Grade ENGLISH

English Int. Expl. B (1)

American Literature (1)

World Literature (1)



These courses can be taken in grades 9-12 only

MATHEMATICS

Pre-Algebra (1)

Algebra I (1)

Geometry (1)

Algebra II (1)

Survival Math (.5)

Math Proficiency (.5)

ENGLISH

Mythology (1)

Creative Writing (.5)

Journal Writing (.5)

Writing Tutorials (.5)

British Literature (1)

Mechanics of Writing (.5)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I (1) *

Spanish II (1) *

* Spanish class requires an additional \$235 charge

Note: Any full credit class may be split into 2 semester classes.

10th Grade ENGLISH

English Int. Expl. A (1)

SOCIAL STUDIES

American History (1)

12th Grade ENGLISH

American Literature (1)

World Literature (1)

Shakespearean Literature (.5)

Drama in Literature (.5)

British Literature (1)

SOCIAL STUDIES

U.S. Government (.5)

Economics (.5)

SCIENCE

Biology (no lab) (1)

Earth Science (.5)

Environ. Science/Teens4Earth (1)

General Science (1)

Integrated Science (1)

Oceanography (.5)

Physics (1)

Study of the Environment (.5)

ELECTIVES

Art History (.5)

Business Applications (.5)

H. S. Health (.5)

Intro to the Internet (.5)

Life Management (.5)

Media Literacy (.5)

Renaissance Art (.5)

SAT Prep Course (.5)

World Cultures (1)

Classes in a workbook (not online):

Careers (.5)

Cybernet Safety (.5)

Family & Individual

Life Skills (.5)

Health & Wellness (.5)

Name of course(s) requested: _____

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Mail registration form and payment to:

Student Fee: \$290/1 semester course(.5 credit)
\$440/full year course (1.0 credit)

* Special permission required for more than 1 course.
* Coursework must be completed within 90 days of registration.
* Payment is due at time of registration.

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Students Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home School: _____

Counselor/Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Summer School and Credit Recovery/Enrichment Options



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Program Overview

Anatomy of the Curriculum

- Use of the Internet as the textbook
- Semester and yearlong courses of 18-36 lessons per course
- Use of the best libraries, museums and educational sites in the world
- Flexible, customizable, interactive curriculum
- Curriculum constantly changing and updated for current and relevant material
- Lessons require students to read and demonstrate ability to analyze, think and articulate thoughts
- Use of an active learning style
- Online access day or night, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year



Learning via the Internet and World Wide Web

The learning experience is very different on the internet. Students have virtually unlimited access to information and ideas. They incorporate Internet research materials into virtually every school subject, including English, math, science, social studies, fine arts and foreign languages.



Students access their lessons through a tailor-made website. Most lessons make use of vast stores of information on the Internet. Students visit specific websites to fulfill assignments for self-directed research and are empowered with the freedom and challenge to search for information and find answers on their own. The result is a multi-dimensional, interactive learning program that makes education come alive.

Advantages of Online Learning

There is Enough Time to Learn

With computerized instruction, students advance at their own pace. They never feel pressured to rush through an assignment. The focus is on grasping and understanding the material and having opportunities to delve more deeply into areas of genuine interest.

Students Receive Quick Feedback

Teachers receive each student's work quickly and provide timely feedback to questions and ideas. Students feel supported by the system and benefit from early reviews of their coursework. With computerized instruction, there is never any doubt about progress.

The Emphasis is on Learning

The structure of online lessons provides students with challenging assignments. Students benefit from regular reviews and discussions with their teachers, and teachers have one-on-one knowledge of each student's progress.

Implementation Flexibility

The virtual curriculum can be used for any school population including the homebound, summer school or honors program. The program has been effectively used to increase graduation rates of alternative, at-risk students who flourish with this independent study approach.

Teacher Support

One-on-One

All courses can be reinforced by teachers who work one-on-one with each student. Through email, the teacher can provide necessary guidance and coursework review, while encouraging students toward self-directed and self-paced learning. This type of learning has been shown to radically improve a student's attitude about learning and life.

Email

Upon completing a lesson or a test, the student submits work by pressing an on-screen button. The student's submittal appears in the teacher's email inbox immediately. The teacher reviews the work at an appropriate time and sends comments and suggestions back to the student.

