

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 on-line 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

6th Grade

English 6
Math 6
Science 6
History 6
Integrated Science

7th Grade

English 7
Math 7
Science 7
World History 7
Intro to the Internet

8th Grade

English 8
Math 8
Science 8
History 8
Integrated Science
Intro to the Internet
8th Grade Health & Physical
Education Portfolio



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 1 (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)

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 (1)
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)

Student Name: _____ Address: _____ DOB _____ Male Female
 Parent/Guardian Names: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Students Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Home School: _____ Grade in School _____ Counselor/Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Student Fee: \$290/1 semester course (.5 credit) * Special permission required for more than 1 course
 \$440/full year course (1.0 credit) * Summer School June 7, 2010 through August 26, 2010
 (Coursework must be completed within 90 days of start)
 Make checks payable to: Medina County Schools' ESC
 Name of course(s) requested: _____ Mail registration form and payment to:
 Joe Crisafulli
 Medina County Schools' ESC
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 Medina, Oh 44256

SUMMER SCHOOL FORM AND PAYMENT DUE JUNE 4, 2010

Virtual Learning Academy and Alternative High School Programs

Summer School and Credit Recovery/Enrichment Options



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**2009-2010 Summer School and Credit Recovery/Enrichment Option
Medina County Virtual Learning Academy**

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
- Tests and answer keys provided with the software license
- Minimum of 60 class hours seat time for semester courses
- Minimum of 120 class hours seat time for year long classes
- 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
- Incorporates Bloom's Taxonomy
- 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 World Wide Web. 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 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 e-mail, 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.

E-mail

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 e-mail inbox immediately. The teacher reviews the work at an appropriate time and sends comments and suggestions back to the student.

Curriculum Flexibility

18 or 36 Weeks of Lessons

Each one-year (1 credit) course contains 36 weeks of lessons, with a 4-5 hour workload per lesson. A half-year (.5 credit) course contains eighteen 4-5 hour lessons.