Info for Parents/Guardians

Grades 6–12 • 2021–2022

VIRTUAL VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT ❤F EDUCATION

The Virginia Department of Education's Virtual Virginia (VVA) program offers online courses, professional learning opportunities, and digital content to schools, students, and educators across the Commonwealth. Virginia public school divisions and Virtual Virginia partner together to ensure learners have access and opportunity that complement those available in the physical school.

Supporting a successful online learner is shared between the enrolling public school and VVA. In addition, Parents and Guardians play an important role in creating the environment for a successful online learning experience.

VIRTUAL VIRGINIA
Provides access to content, resources, instruction, and the online learning environment

★ **SUCCESSFUL ONLINE LEARNER**

PUBLIC SCHOOL
Provides a counselor, school-based mentor, textbooks, materials, and student services

Instruction, Grades 6–12

Virtual Virginia offers more than 100 online courses taught by Virginia-certified teachers for high school and middle school learners (grades 6–12) in the 2021–2022 school year. Two cohort start date options are available for each term to support differing school calendars across the Commonwealth.

VVA secondary teachers provide daily synchronous instruction to students. Synchronous sessions are recorded for any students unable to attend, and recordings are posted in the Virtual Virginia courses. All students are responsible for the content presented during the synchronous sessions.

- Monday–Wednesday: Content exploration, practice, and discussion
- Thursday: Drop-in Question & Answer session
- Friday: Small-group and 1:1 sessions, by appointment

Middle School (Grades 6–8), Sample Synchronous Schedule: 18-Week Block Course (Supplemental or Full-time)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00–9:15 a.m.	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Health & PE/ Elective	Social Studies	Science	Synchronous Support (1:1 & small group) 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Break					
9:30–10:45 a.m.	Math	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Health & PE/ Elective	Social Studies	
Break					
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Science	Math	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Health & PE/ Elective	
Lunch Break (12:15–12:45 p.m.)					
12:45–2:00 p.m.	Social Studies	Science	Math	English/ Language Arts	
Break					
2:15–3:30 p.m.	World Languages/ Health & PE/ Elective	Social Studies	Science	Math	

Middle School (Grades 6–8), Sample Synchronous Schedule: 36-Week Full-Year Course (Supplemental or Full-time)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00–8:55 a.m.	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Elective	Social Studies	Science	Synchronous Support (1:1 & small group) 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Break					
9:00–9:55 a.m.	Health & PE	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Elective	Social Studies	
Break					
10:00–10:55 a.m.	Math	Health & PE	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Elective	
Break					
11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Science	Math	Health & PE	English/ Language Arts	
Lunch Break (12:00–12:30 p.m.)					
12:30–1:25 p.m.	Social Studies	Science	Math	Health & PE	
Break					
1:30–2:25 p.m.	World Languages/ Elective	Social Studies	Science	Math	
Break					
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	

High School (Grades 9–12), Sample Synchronous Schedule (Supplemental or Full-time)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00–9:15 a.m.	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Elective	Social Studies	Science	Synchronous Support (1:1 & small group) 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Break					
9:30–10:45 a.m.	Math	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Elective	Social Studies	
Break					
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Science	Math	English/ Language Arts	World Languages/ Elective	
Lunch Break					
1:15–2:30 p.m.	Social Studies	Science	Math	English/ Language Arts	
Break					
2:45–4:00 p.m.	World Languages/ Elective	Social Studies	Science	Math	
6:00–9:00 p.m.	AP/PE/EPF Fine Arts/ CS/Elective	AP/PE/EPF Fine Arts/ CS/Elective	AP/PE/EPF Fine Arts/ CS/Elective	AP/PE/EPF Fine Arts/ CS/Elective	Synchronous Support (1:1 & small group)

Parent Accounts

Parents/guardians of students enrolled in VVA courses may use a **VVA Parent Auditor** account and can easily access course, teacher, and student performance information. To request a Parent Auditor Account, please contact the counselor of record at your local school.

VVA will send regular information to parents/guardians regarding student performance. VVA teachers will communicate regularly with students and parents/guardians to share weekly work, progress, and upcoming deadlines. With the enrolling school's approval, parents/guardians can connect to their student's VVA account through an **Observer** role in the Canvas LMS. This role provides additional access to parents/guardians, including access to the course calendar and grades in the LMS.

Online Student Success

Please review the information below with your child to help them be successful students in VVA courses.

Tips for Online Student Success

- Dedicate time to your course daily. Log in daily and check announcements.
- Check your email daily. You will receive a "Due this Week" email each week that outlines your activities for the week ahead. Your instructor will also communicate updates through email for parents, counselors, and mentors.
- Communicate with your teacher when you need assistance.
- Return emails and phone calls from your teacher in a timely manner.
- Courses are not self-paced. Your instructor will set due dates for all work. There are late penalties for work submitted after the deadlines. Make sure to follow the course pacing shared by your instructor.
- Work early on assignments.
- Plan to attend the synchronous class sessions to engage in the course content with your instructor and classmates.
- Organize your time spent in the course. Spend time reading content and watching videos.
- Join the AP Classroom for your course (if applicable).

Accessing Your Course

The **counselor at your local school** will provide you with your VVA login information.

To log in to Virtual Virginia, follow these steps:

1. Go to **virtualvirginia.org**.
2. Click the **Login** button at the top right of the page.
3. On the next page, select **Virtual Virginia Program (K–12)** in the dropdown menu. Click the **Login** button.
4. Type in your username and password. Click the **Sign Me In** button.

If you forget your password, follow the link on the login page for recovering your password.

Course Calendar

Use your course calendar to see assignment due dates for the week and the dates and times for your synchronous instruction sessions. Synchronous sessions are not mandatory, but the material covered is important. If you can't attend the session, be sure to watch the recording. The synchronous session schedule is posted in each course by the instructor.

Instructor Information

Instructor office hours and contact information are located on the home page of each course. Note that your instructor may be a part-time instructor for Virtual Virginia and may not be available during the day.

More Information

Website

virtualvirginia.org

General Questions

main.office@virtualva.org
866-650-0025

VVA HelpDesk (Tech Support)

support@virtualva.org
866-650-0027
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.