

Info for Parents/Guardians

Grades K–5 • 2021–2022



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.



Instruction, Grades K–5

Virtual Virginia offers divisions, schools, and learners the option for high-quality, full-time virtual instruction in the 2021–2022 school year (180 instructional days). Two cohort start date options are available to support differing school calendars across the Commonwealth.

Students participate in core instructional activities in Mathematics, Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and STEM. Supplemental lessons in Physical Activity and Wellness, World Languages, Dance, and Arts are offered to enrolled students.

The VVA teacher facilitates engaging daily synchronous instruction, Q&A sessions, and 1:1 and small-group instructional time for learners during the week. VVA teachers hold posted office hours for regular student and parent communication, create weekly instructional videos and content as needed, and facilitate course pacing with opportunities for remediation and enrichment.

K-5 Sample Instructional Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Time	Content Area	Learning Activities
8:00–8:15 a.m.	Morning Meeting	Daily Welcome, Social-Emotional Learning, Team-Building
8:15–9:20 a.m.	Reading and Language Arts	Whole-group reading (20 min.) Whole-group word work or writing (20 min.) Small-group reading, asynchronous work, independent reading, or writing (25 min.)
9:20–9:30 a.m.	Break	Stretch and Movement Activity (Independent or Teacher-led)
9:30–10:20 a.m.	Mathematics	Whole-group math focus (20 min.) Small-group and independent practice (30 min.)
10:20–10:30 a.m.	Break	Stretch and Movement Activity (Independent or Teacher-led)
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Specialty class	Supplemental class in Physical Activity and Wellness, World Languages, Dance, and Arts.
11:00–11:45 a.m.	Lunch and Recess	Break for lunch, stretch, and movement
11:45–12:15 p.m.	Social Studies	Direct instruction and practice with Social Studies concepts
12:15–12:20 p.m.	Break	Stretch and Movement Activity (Independent)
12:20–12:50 p.m.	Science	Direct instruction and practice with Science concepts
12:50–1:00 p.m.	Afternoon Meeting	Daily Closing, Social-Emotional Learning, Team-Building

K-5 Sample Instructional Schedule: Wednesday

Time	Content Area	Learning Activities
8:00–8:30 a.m.	Morning Meeting	Daily Welcome, Social-Emotional Learning, Character and Team-Building
8:30–9:20 a.m.	Reading and Language Arts	Whole-group reading (20 min.) Whole-group word work or writing (30 min.)
9:20–9:25 a.m.	Break	Stretch and Movement Activity (Independent)
9:25–10:15 a.m.	Mathematics	Whole-group math focus (20 min.) Small-group and independent practice (30 min.)
10:15–10:45 a.m.	STEM	Whole-group STEM instruction; Small group application
10:45–3:00 p.m.	Asynchronous, Small-group, and 1:1 instruction	Asynchronous and Independent Work Small-group and 1:1 instruction, scheduled with the teacher

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 the course daily. Log in daily and check announcements.
- Check email daily. Students and parents/guardians will receive a "Due this Week" email each week that outlines the activities for the week ahead. Instructors will also communicate updates through email for parents, counselors, and mentors.
- Communicate with the instructor when assistance in the course is needed.
- Return emails and phone calls from the instructor in a timely manner.
- Courses are not self-paced. The instructor will set due dates for all work. There are late penalties for work turned in after the deadlines. Make sure to follow the course pacing shared by the instructor.
- Work early on assignments.
- Attend all synchronous class sessions to engage and participate in activities with the instructor and classmates.
- Organize time spent in the course. Spend time reading content and watching videos.

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 required, and the material covered is important. If you can't attend a session due to an absence, 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.

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.