What is the YCSD VHS?
The York County School Division (YCSD) Virtual High School (VHS) is a program that offers interactive online courses to secondary students. Courses are delivered using a course “learning management system” through the Internet and available to students 24/7. Students are actively engaged in online discussions and learn to track messages, submit documents electronically, and meet online with teachers and students through a “virtual classroom”. Students must have an active email account, access to word processing and presentation software, Internet and other supported applications.

Will I have to login every day?
Students are required to login to each course at least once every day. Students must stay on task, meet deadlines, and seek help from the teacher when needed. Since students have access 24 hours a day, it is suggested that students check the course frequently to view new announcements and discussion postings.

When do classes begin & end?
Online courses begin and end with the school’s academic calendar each year. Participating school divisions may enroll students for a minimum of one semester.

Who will teach the course?
Courses are taught by highly-qualified teachers who promote engagement in the online environment. Teachers strive to foster an online community within their classes.

What about training?
Once a student is enrolled in an online course, training sessions are scheduled and announced by a Virtual High School Administrator. Training sessions will be held at a York County School Division high school, and on-going sessions are scheduled.

Is there a cost to take the course?
Some online courses require tuition payment, and the amount of tuition is determined based on the enrollment.

How do I take mandated testing online?
All online students report to an on-site location to take the required SOL tests, semester exams and AP tests.

What happens if I need technical assistance?
Students should notify their online teachers immediately. The York County Public Libraries are available for students to use computers to access the online courses. Students should make arrangements to visit a library to continue assigned work.

What happens if I withdraw from the course?
There will be a period for enrolling and withdrawing from a course. Students who withdraw after the 3rd week of start of classes may incur a financial penalty.

Virtual Virginia
Virtual Virginia (Virtual VA or VVa) is a program of the Virginia Department of Education which offers online Advanced Placement (AP), world language, core academic, and elective courses to students across the Commonwealth and nation. Virtual Virginia is committed to providing high-quality, rigorous course content with the flexibility to meet schools’ and students’ varied schedules. The program strives to provide instruction that meets the individual needs of students using technology of the 21st century. Virtual VA provides a unique opportunity for educators to reach students who want the experience of online courses.
The York County School Division is pleased to be an approved Multidivision Online Provider for the Virtual Schools Initiative in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We invite participating school divisions to preview the virtual program information when making important decisions to integrate virtual learning. It is an easy process to get started using the procedures provided on the YCSD website.

Courses have been designed to meet full year or semester academic requirements. YCSD offers courses in both year-long or 4x4 format to help students achieve original credit or credit recovery. Tuition is based on a full year or semester enrollment.

If you are interested in participating in the Multidivision Online Provider Virtual Learning Program and enrolling students in online courses, contact the Virtual High School Principal.

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Virtual Learning in YCSD:
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Virtual Virginia:
www.virtualvirginia.org

Multidivision Online Provider
Virtual Learning Program:

In the York County School Division, students will be admitted, retained, dismissed, assigned and/or transferred and be allowed to participate in all programs and activities in the York County School Division without regard to race, color, creed, sex, national origin, political affiliation, age, disability or belief, except as permitted by state or federal law.