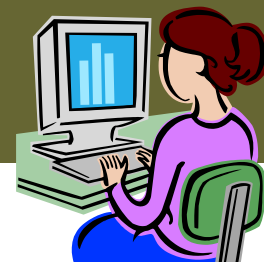


VIRTUAL NEWS



York County School Division Virtual Learning Program ~ 302 Dare Road ~ Yorktown, VA 23692

Welcome Virtual High School Students Online Courses for 2015-16

Online courses are offered to all secondary students in the York County School Division. Students may enroll in a variety of online courses through the Virtual High School. New online courses are listed in the Program of Studies. Highlighted are online courses for the 2015-16 school year.

<i>8th Graders</i>	<i>High School</i>
German	English 12 ~ Government
	Programming & Game Design I & II

- Students are required to login daily.
- Students will receive an individual account to work within a learning management system. All course content, discussions, and submission of work occur within the course. Students will access the course both at school and from home.
- All students participating in online courses are required to take assessments which will be posted using a variety of assessment tools.
- Students who work from school will be assigned to a Mentor in a computer lab or using wireless laptops.

Required ONLINE Training for Students & Parents

Students and parents are required to attend one of the ONLINE training sessions prior to the start of the school year. Enter the web link into Internet Explorer or Firefox (links are available at www.yorkcountyschools.org/virtualLearning under the Student Training side-tab). You will need speakers and a microphone.

Monday, April 27th – 6:30PM

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Tips for Online Students

All students can be successful with online learning by applying easy strategies and participation.

1. **Be able to communicate through writing.**
2. **Be Self-motivated and self-disciplined.**
3. **Be proactive and communicate any problems or questions to the online teacher.**
4. **Be willing and able to commit to 4 to 5 hours per week per course.**
5. **Accept critical thinking and decision making as part of the learning process.**
6. **Be able to complete all required coursework given during the week.**
7. **Feel that high quality learning can take place without going to a traditional classroom.**

For more information about the YCSD Virtual Learning Program, please contact Reginald Fox, Coordinator of Online Learning at rfox@ycsd.york.va.us or Gary Lupton, Online Learning Specialist at glupton@ycsd.york.va.us. Students and parents may learn more about the Virtual Learning program by visiting the website <http://yorkcountyschools.org/virtualLearning/default.aspx>.

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Welcome to Virtual Virginia 2015–16

The Virginia Department of Education’s Virtual Advanced Placement School known as Virtual VA offers a wide range of online AP and elective courses. More information may be found at <http://www.virtualvirginia.org>.

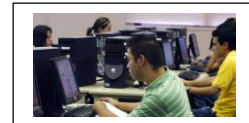
7th & 8th Graders	High School
Survey of World Languages	Various AP & elective courses
8th Graders	
Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), & Latin	

- The online AP course summer assignment is different from the traditional YCSD onsite courses. **Students are not required to log on to their course prior to the opening of school.**
- All students participating in Virtual VA **online AP courses are encouraged to take the AP exam.**
- Students will receive an individual account to work within a learning management system on the first day of the new school year. All course content, discussions, and submission of work occur within the course.
- Students will be responsible for reporting to a Mentor during a specified class period. All tests are proctored onsite with the Mentor.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR VIRTUAL VA STUDENTS

These assignments are different from the requirements of AP courses in traditional onsite course in YCSD.

- Visit the Virtual VA website at <http://www.virtualvirginia.org>.
- Click on the *COURSES* tab then *Course Offerings (Catalog)* to view the list of courses.
- Select a course and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- Click on the link to the *Pre-Course Assignments* (summer assignment).
- Follow the directions listed for each course to complete the assignment. Be prepared to submit assignments to the online teacher during the first week of the new school year September 1st – 4th, 2015.
- **NOTE: Even though #4 in the instructions request that the student “login their course”, students will NOT login or submit any work until after the school year begins.**
- **TEXTBOOKS are not required to complete the summer assignment.**



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