



Top Questions about the Virtual Learning Academy

Classical High School Families

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I have heard from many Classical High School families seeking clarifying information on the Virtual Learning Academy. Here is a compendium of those families' most frequently asked questions. I hope you find this helpful.

More information on the Virtual Learning Academy and the fall reopening of schools can be found at our new website dedicated to our reopening efforts, reopenpvdschools.org.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any additional questions at innovate@ppsd.org.

Sincerely,
Harrison Peters

What is required for families to choose the Virtual Learning Academy option?

To participate in the Virtual Learning Academy, your child must commit through at least January 26, 2021, even if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. He or she must have a designated learning coach who is responsible for committing the time necessary to support students in their virtual learning experience. Your child is also expected to log in at the beginning of each school day, participate fully in learning activities, and complete all assigned work. Your child must participate in all state and/or district-mandated testing, which may require going to a school building or testing center. He or she must also comply with Student Acceptable Use Guidelines.

How is the Virtual Learning Academy different from distance learning conducted in the spring?

Distance learning in the spring was overseen by your child's classroom teacher at your child's school, and it followed a typical classroom schedule. The Virtual Learning Academy is its own program and is not associated with any school.

What online curriculum will the Virtual Learning Academy use for high school?

The district is in process of contracting with Edgenuity as its Virtual Learning Academy online curriculum for grades 9-12. Classes are self-paced with a flexible schedule. Teachers monitor progress and provide regular student support and feedback.

Will the Virtual Learning Academy offer AP and honors courses?

The Virtual Learning Academy will offer a number of AP and honors courses, but they may not all match with courses currently offered at Classical.

Who will teach the Virtual Learning Academy classes?

Virtual Learning Academy teachers may differ from those teaching at school locations. Our goal is to have PPSD

teachers manage the instruction of all Virtual Learning Academy classes. There is no guarantee, however, that Classical HS teachers will be teaching Classical HS students in the Virtual Learning Academy.

How long will I have to commit to the Virtual Learning Academy?

Families must commit to the Virtual Learning Academy from the beginning of the school year through at least January 2021, which equals the first semester (two quarters) of school.

What happens to the Virtual Learning Academy if the whole district changes to distance learning because of changes to the public health situation?

Any shift in the school-based learning scenario will not impact students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy.

If we opt out of the Virtual Learning Academy after the first semester, can my child return to Classical?

Classical students who opt in to the Virtual Learning Academy, either for a semester or the full school year, are guaranteed spots at Classical for September 2021. We will make every attempt to find a Classical seat for those who wish to return midyear. We cannot guarantee those seats, however, because some Classical teachers may remain with the Virtual Learning Academy for the full year.

If my senior signs up for the Virtual Learning Academy, can he still graduate with his school class?

Seniors who complete all graduation requirements will absolutely graduate with their school class, and their diplomas will be issued by their originating high school.

Has the deadline changed for enrolling in the Virtual Learning Academy?

In order to build classroom assignments and scheduling, the district needs to know all Virtual Learning Academy students by Wednesday, August 19.