

Virtual School FAQ

What is the Elementary Virtual Option?

Students will use the Edgenuity platform to receive instruction in reading, math, science and social studies. The Edgenuity program is a self-paced video based instructional program. Alexandria Community Schools virtual learning coaches will be assigned to support students as they engage in the following content areas:

- Reading and Math K-6
- Science Grades 1-6
- Social Studies 2-6

What does the Junior / Senior High School Virtual Option look like:

Students will be enrolled in a software platform (APEX) that provides online instruction. An academic coach will monitor progress, but course content will be delivered online through the software. The time needed to complete coursework will vary for each student but should be comparable to requirements for in-person learning. Core courses in language arts, math, science, and social studies will be available; however, elective course options are dependent on availability within the learning platform.

Is eLearning the same as the Virtual option?

No- eLearning is not the same as the virtual option. eLearning occurs when the school closes and teachers remotely instruct their class of students. The virtual option is a standards-based video-based instructional program. The video-based instructional program is self-paced and requires substantial parental support. The district provides virtual learning coaches (teachers) that will connect with students twice a week to answer questions, and teach mini lessons, and clarify concepts.

When will I get my login information?

We will be trying to get login information into your hands prior to August 5th.

Who delivers the instruction for the Virtual Option?

The video-based instruction for the elementary is delivered through the Edgenuity program. The secondary virtual option is delivered through APEX, the same course work the high school uses for credit recovery. The district provides virtual learning coaches (teachers) that will connect with students twice a week to monitor progress, answer questions, teach mini lessons, and clarify concepts.

What are the School fees for Virtual School?

K-12 iPad/computer fee: \$100 (this fee is waived for students who qualify for free or reduce lunches)

High School Course fee: \$20 per course

3-6 Program fee: \$31

K-2 Program fee: \$15

Can I use my own device and not pay the iPad/computer fee?

Yes, you can sign a form opting out of device rental.

What supplies do I need for the Virtual option?

Supplies will depend on what you have at your home. Students will need typical supplies to complete reading, math, science, and social studies assignments. Remember, the virtual option is a video-based instructional program so most of the work is completed on the computer or iPad.

If a child starts Virtual, if/when/how can they transition back to traditional school?

They can transfer back at the end of the 9 weeks grading period.

If a child starts traditional, if/when/how can they transition to Virtual school?

Students had to declare by July 24th to attend the Virtual School.

How much time each day should I set aside for my child to complete the virtual lessons each day?

Both the elementary and secondary programs are self-paced. Therefore it is difficult to state a specific time allotment. However, you should plan for about thirty minutes per instructional area.

How will IEP be monitored and enforced?

IEPs will be monitored by the Teacher Of Record

When will they be receiving their device for completing the Virtual Option?

We will begin handing out the devices the week of August 3rd.

Do the virtual options meet the Indiana State Standards?

Both APEX and Edgenuity platforms are based off of the same state standards as students receiving traditional instruction. However, the order in which the standards are delivered may be different from the traditional classroom.

What do electives look like?

There are very limited elective options. Choir and band are not available.

How will AP work with Virtual?

English, Econ, Spanish, Stats, Government are available

Can a student attend virtual and vocational school?

No, vocational school is not available virtually and a blended schedule is not available.

What are the system requirements for a Jr/Sr High student who is using their own device?

View our hardware and software requirements.

There are minimum hardware and software technical requirements for successfully taking ALVS courses.

You must have an internet connection and while our courses can be used with dial up we suggest you use broadband for optimal performance.

PC or Mac Browsers Supported

Google Chrome 46 or higher

Apple Safari 8.0 or higher

Microsoft Internet Explorer 11

Microsoft Edge

Mozilla Firefox 42 or Higher

Tablet Devices Supported (using native browser)

Microsoft Windows 8

Chrome OS

Additional Recommendations and Requirements

Adobe Reader 6.0 or higher and Adobe Flash Player 9.0.115 or higher is required in ALVS

ALVS requires a printer, scanner, and fax where applicable

What are the system requirements for an elementary student who is using their own device?

Courseware K-5 System Requirements

SUPPORTED DEVICES

- Desktop computers • Chromebook
- iPad • Android tablet
- Surface tablet

SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS

Windows

Windows 10 Windows 8 Windows 7

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Apple Other

Apple Mac OS X 10.11 (El Capitan) Apple Mac OS X 10.10 (Yosemite) Apple Mac OS X 10.9 (Mavericks)
iOS version 13.3+ *

Android version 6.0+ Marshmallow

- Resolution: 1024 x 768 (minimum)
- Internet Connection: High Speed (Broadband)
- Audio: Speakers and Microphone
- Printer and means to digitally submit a file or ability to digitally edit PDF files

REQUIRED SOFTWARE

• Word Processing software (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) ○ Microsoft Office

○ Free options: Open Office and Google Docs • Audacity or Vocaroo ^

PREFERRED BROWSERS

- Firefox
- Chrome
- Ensure JavaScript is enabled
- Accept third-party cookies (Directions)

- Disable pop-up blockers:

- Firefox ○ Chrome

PLUG-INS

- Adobe Acrobat Reader