



## Virtual High School Web Site

Go to the Virtual High School Web Site at:

<http://www.govhs.org/>

This site offers a demo course under the "Academics" tab. There is also a VHS Pre-Student Survey Questionnaire your child can take to get an idea of how well he or she may be suited for the program. Click on the "Info For" tab and then follow the link for "students".

To find out what courses are available, look for the link for "VHS Catalog" and click on the link for "High School Courses for Middle School Students". Take the time to explore the link for "Day in the life" (under the "Welcome" Tab) and follow the link for "student".

To discover what advice CMS students have who have completed a VHS course check out <http://cmssurvival-guide.pbwiki.com>




The CMS Highly Capable Student Program for the 2010-2011 year will begin with registration in the spring of 2010. Course selection will be determined by course availability and student interest. Students may take a second VHS course based on the successful completion of the first course. Students will be offered VHS seats through a tiered system as long as seats are available. Students must complete the orientation program for VHS before classes begin. The orientation program will help them to become familiar with the software used for the classes. Orientation for registered students opens on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Fall classes will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

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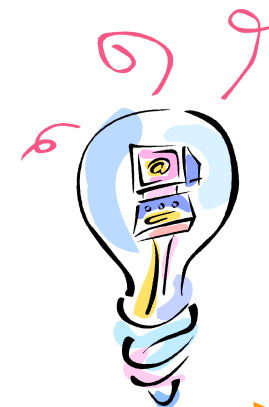
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This information was taken directly from Virtual High School materials.

## Overview:

VHS, a leader in online education, has proven in its nine year history that it is committed to quality course design, online education standards, and student assessment.

Virtual High School classes take place **entirely over the Internet**. There is no need for special software or hardware. Anywhere you have access to the Internet (that is better than a dial-up connection) you can take a VHS class! Students can post work to their class anytime, day or night. Students that take classes that require software will only get one copy for home use. If students move between residences they will need a laptop with internet access to be able to work on assignments from whichever residence they are in.

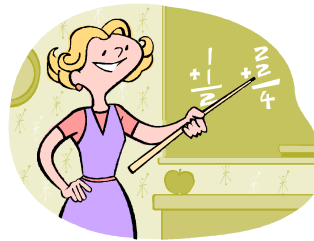
VHS classes are offered in a **scheduled asynchronous** mode. That means that classes follow a semester schedule and assignments are due at specified weekly intervals. However, students can complete their work at anytime during the week, as long as work is posted by specified due dates. There are no vacation weeks for VHS so assignments are due regardless of it being a school vacation week for CMS.



All VHS courses are **monitored regularly**, and adhere to the National Education Association's (NEA) recommended course guidelines for **high quality** online courses.

## The Instructors

Unlike classes offered by other online course providers, all Virtual High School (VHS) classes are **teacher facilitated**. Class **sizes are limited** to 25, and there is an emphasis on interaction between teachers and students. Activities are **student-centered** and discussion and group activities are a part of each VHS course.



All VHS teachers are certified in the discipline(s) in which they teach. In addition, in order to teach a VHS

course, teachers must participate in and successfully graduate from VHS online professional development training.

## The Virtual Classroom

Virtual High School courses are not digital correspondence classes or virtual lecture halls. VHS believes in student-centered classes which encourage collaboration among students. Students read lessons, work on and submit their assignments, participate in group projects with peers from around the globe, and contribute to class discussions at any time, as long as they meet due dates for class assignments and keep up with the general flow of the class. Prior to enrolling in a particular VHS course, students must review the course's prerequisites to ensure they meet all class requirements.

## The Benefits

By participating in a VHS class students will:

- Gain skills that are essential for the 21st century such as multimedia presentation skills, online collaboration and communication, assessment of online resources and online team building skills
- Collaborate with students from other states and countries in a virtual classroom learning environment
- Participate in challenging and engaging courses that stimulate students' creativity and challenge students' intellectual capacity



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