

Tulpehocken Virtual Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Why should I choose TVA instead of other cyber-charter schools?*
 - TVA provides options that the traditional cyber-charter schools cannot. As a TVA student, you are considered part of the Tulpehocken Area School District and have all of the privileges of T ASD students. You may participate in sports, dances, musicals, BCTC, and grade appropriate field trips. You may also take some of your classes on campus with other T ASD students.
- *How much does it cost to become a TVA student?*
 - There is no cost to you.
- *Do I need an Internet connection at home?*
 - Yes, you will need a high speed Internet connection in your home (DSL, Cable, etc.). A monthly stipend will be provided for you to assist with this cost.
- *Will I need a computer, scanner, and printer?*
 - TVA will provide you will a laptop computer and printer/scanner for you to use while you are enrolled as a full-time student in the academy (3 or more concurrent courses).
- *What about textbooks?*
 - Many of the courses we use for TVA are textbook free, which means all of the content will be presented in an online format. If a textbook is required for a course, TVA/provider will supply the book for you to use.
- *Is the curriculum aligned to the PA Standards?*
 - We are making every effort to be sure that the education you receive in TVA mirrors the education you would receive in the Tulpehocken Area School District. In both settings, we are continuously looking at curriculum and ensuring that we are providing a high quality curriculum to prepare our students for success beyond high school.
- *Will I receive a diploma?*
 - If you meet all of the graduation requirements within the Tulpehocken Area School District, you will receive a high school diploma the same as any other T ASD student. You may also

participate in TASD graduation ceremonies with your graduating class.

- *Can I attend BCTC?*
 - If you meet the admission requirements set forth by BCTC, you may attend at no cost to you.
- *Do I have to do a graduation project?*
 - According to Pennsylvania requirements for graduation, yes, you will need to complete a graduation project.
- *Are AP courses available?*
 - TVA cannot guarantee that every course you wish to take is available, but there are many AP courses available in many subjects.
- *Will I be included in class rank calculations?*
 - TVA students will not be included in GPA and class rank calculations with TASD students.
- *I am not a good reader/writer. Is TVA for me?*
 - Because all of the instruction and communication is done online, you must be able to read and write effectively. If you struggle with comprehension and/or getting your point across through writing, TVA may not be for you. Take the online quiz located under the "TVA News" section of this website (item = Online Learning?) for more information.