

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

Virtual High School classes take place **entirely over the Internet**. For some courses there is a need for special software or hardware, and in such cases a copy will be provided by the VHS instructor. Work on assignments for VHS classes can be completed from anywhere that there is access to the Internet. Students can post work to their class anytime, day or night.



VHS classes are offered in a “**scheduled asynchronous**” mode. This means that classes follow a semester schedule and assignments are due at specified weekly intervals. Students, however, can complete their work at any time during the week, as long as work is posted by specified due dates. The VHS semester does not align exactly with that of Tulpehocken High School, but VHS online enrichment opportunities are available for any classes we do not offer.

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 online 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

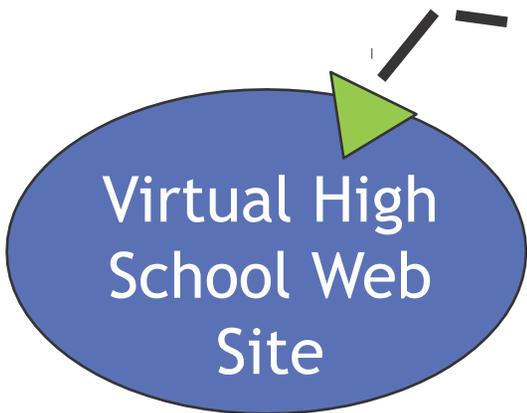
Virtual High School courses are not digital correspondence classes or virtual lecture halls. VHS believes in student-centered classes which encourage collaboration among students. Students read lessons, work on and submit their assignments, participate in group projects with peers from around the globe, 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, student 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; and
- participate in challenging and engaging courses that stimulate students’ creativity and challenge students’ intellectual capacity.





To learn more, go to the Virtual High School Web Site at:

<http://thevhscollaborative.org>

The "Why VHS" link outlines how VHS is different from other online course providers. The "Programs & Courses" link has VHS's full catalog of courses. The "Getting Started" link has a section called 'Sign up for Individual Courses' where there is a VHS Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire Survey. **Remember you can only take a VHS course that we do not currently offer here at Tulpehocken Area HS.** Mrs. Kindoll, Mrs. Carley, or your guidance counselor also has a list of courses to view.

Use these to explore what online learning is all about! Browse the site to help you determine if VHS is an option that you would like to consider to expand your education experience.



As a VHS student at Tulpehocken, you can be scheduled to be in the library during a period to allow you access to a computer during a studyhall.

If interested, please see your guidance counselor or one of the VHS Site Coordinators, Mrs. Kindoll or Mrs. Carley.

Obtain a registration packet and complete it. Registration is the first week of April for the following school year.

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a NEW way to learn
at Tulpehocken
Area High School

