

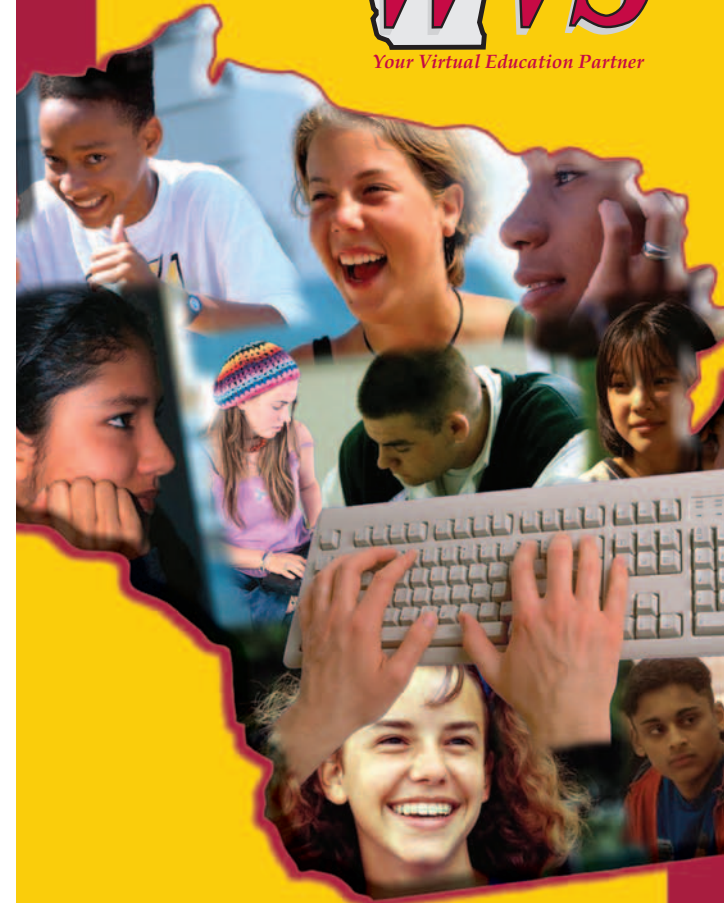
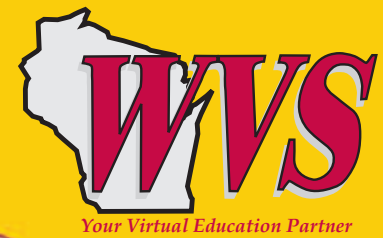
Wisconsin Virtual School

Your Virtual Education Partner

WVS serves school districts, helping them provide virtual learning options for their students, including:

- Relevant courses in flexible locations in an asynchronous environment
- High quality, interactive courses aligned to state and national standards
- Middle school and high school level curriculum
- Over 70 different course options
- Semester courses for credit deficient students, and others unable to successfully participate in a traditional setting
- A solution for schedule conflicts, homebound, adjudication, truancy, expulsions, teen parents, special needs,...
- Modified rates of learning to accommodate the student – traditional, accelerated or extended
- The experience of online learning in preparation for future training in post-secondary educational and work environments.

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What is WVS?

Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) is a service provider that partners with school districts throughout the state, to offer online education to middle and high school students. WVS uncomplicates the process of adding virtual courses to a district's middle and high school curriculum. It takes care of the details, providing the content, platform, Wisconsin-certified online teachers, technical support, training, server, and much more. With WVS, districts can offer online options to their students with minimal cost and time. Districts retain control of key policy decisions and the enrollment. WVS helps districts define their policies for online learning. The WVS high-quality, interactive courses meet Wisconsin's state standards as well as national standards.

How Successful is Virtual Learning?

With WVS trained and certified teachers, students get one-on-one attention and communications on an ongoing basis throughout the course. "This is great! I've never talked with a teacher like this before," enthusiastically reports a WVS student. Students, who may have opted for the back of the classroom in the past, now get upfront attention. The average grade of students in WVS courses is 81%. Students rate both course content and their teachers as excellent. When asked what they like most about WVS courses, the top three responses are: self-pacing, interesting and high quality courses and convenience.

What Students are Best Served by WVS?

Sixty percent of students take WVS courses to make up credits. Other reasons include wanting an accelerated pace, the experience of online learning, additional curriculum offerings, or study abroad. We also serve students with schedule conflicts, homebound status, special education needs, at risk status such as teen parents, and expulsions.



What are the Advantages for School Districts to Use WVS?

Partnering with WVS allows districts to stretch their resources and offer additional high-quality educational options that address specific students' needs with flexibility and ease. Added advantages include:

- ▶ Local control over virtual education policies and procedures
- ▶ Low cost, avoiding the usual "start-up" expenses associated with beginning an online program
- ▶ Ability to quickly and easily enroll students
- ▶ Keeping the enrollment in the district
- ▶ Wisconsin-certified teachers, trained in online facilitation skills, that can attend to the needs of nontraditional students, with one-on-one instruction
- ▶ Most courses do not require any textbook purchases.
- ▶ Expanded curriculum offerings with consistently high-quality, interactive courses
- ▶ Ability to recapture or prevent drop-outs
- ▶ A solution for expelled students, at-risk youth, and many other underserved students
- ▶ "Any time, any place, any path, any pace" learning for students
- ▶ Help with policy creation for online learning
- ▶ Training and technical support - both orientation and ongoing

How Do We Get Started?

- ▶ The district assigns a Local Education Guide (LEG) or mentor for the student who also serves as the liaison for the teacher. Successful course completion depends upon a LEG who follows up with the student on a regular basis.
- ▶ The students and their districts decide which courses to take.
- ▶ The school district enrolls its students **online** at www.wisconsinvirtualschool.org
- ▶ A district administrative person with authority to approve enrollments receives an email requesting approval. They send an email back to WVS with that written approval.
- ▶ Upon receiving the district's authorization, WVS assigns a teacher and course section to the student.
- ▶ The student will receive an e-mail confirmation that provides a login ID and password for accessing the course.
- ▶ The LEG will receive a login ID so they can check student grade books.

- ▶ Students have 5 months to complete their courses from the date they receive course access.
- ▶ The district is billed for students who remain enrolled after a 14-day FREE trial period. (Other payment options, e.g. by parent, are available.)
- ▶ WVS / CESA 9 can offer the district guidance and training for policy-writing, LEG orientation, and other district needs related to online learning.

Course Information

WVS courses are aligned to national and state standards. Course goals and objectives are available upon request. Each course is equal to .5 credits, which is granted by the local school district upon completion. Students may register online any time, year round for any course, except AP courses which have a more defined enrollment period to accommodate the AP examination dates. Course fees are charged per student, per course and include registration, course content, course facilitation by a Wisconsin certified teacher, and 24/7 toll free technical support.

Course Offerings

Consult the WVS website at www.wisconsinvirtualschool.org for complete course descriptions. More courses will be added as they become available. Currently, over 70 courses are available in content areas of English, Social Studies, Science, Business, Mathematics, as well as electives such as foreign language, information technology, career planning, and study skills. Middle school courses in Science, Mathematics, and Language Arts are also available.

Other opportunities include 23 Advanced Placement courses, AP Exam Reviews (free to WVS AP students in 14 subjects), AP Class Tools, and Online Test Prep courses for the ACT, SAT, and PSAT. All these services are available at a statewide contract price.

To request more information, a site visit, or begin offering virtual courses in your district please contact us:

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