

Wisconsin Virtual School, YOUR Wisconsin Web Academy, serves school districts, helping them provide virtual learning options for their students, including:

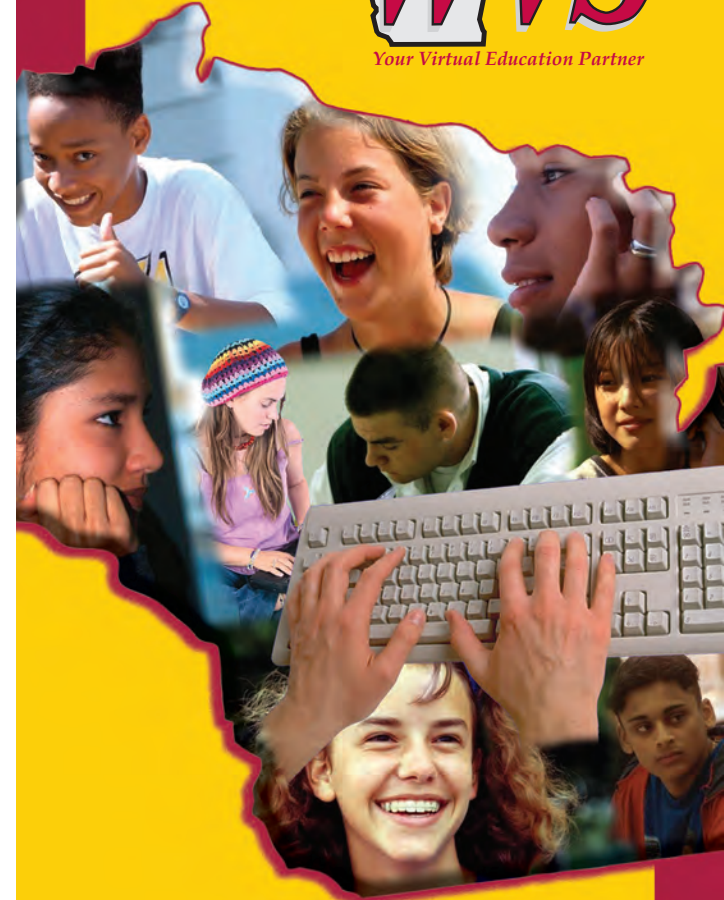
- Relevant courses in flexible locations in an asynchronous environment
- High quality, interactive courses aligned to state and national standards
- Middle school and high school level curriculum
- More than 70 different course options
- Semester courses for credit deficient students, and others unable 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. Wisconsin Virtual School is Wisconsin's Web Academy (WWA), a partnership between the Department of Public Instruction and CESA #9. WVS "uncomplicates" the process of adding virtual courses to a district's middle and high school curriculum. It takes care of 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 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 Wisconsin 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 87%. Students rate both course content and their teachers as excellent. When asked what they like most about WVS courses, the top four responses are: self-pacing, interesting, high quality, and convenience.

What Students are Best Served by WVS?

The reason most students take a WVS course is because it is not offered in their local school. Other reasons include schedule conflicts, an accelerated pace, the experience of online learning, homebound status, study abroad, special education needs, expulsion, teen parents,....the list goes on.

What are the Advantages for School Districts to Use WVS?

Partnering with WVS allows districts to stretch their resources and offer 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 students enrolled in your district
- ▶ Wisconsin-certified teachers, trained in online facilitation skills, that can attend to the needs of non-traditional 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 WVS program requires the district to assign a Local Education Guide (LEG) or mentor for the student who also serves as the liaison for the WVS 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.wisconsinvirtuallschool.org/enrollment.asp
- ▶ 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, current progress, user activity, inactivity, and other student information.
- ▶ 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 outlines, alignment documentation, and demo access for curricular review are available upon request. Each semester course is equal to .5 credits, which is granted by the local school district upon completion. Students have five months access during the fall and spring terms. WVS also offers an eight week summer session to match district summer school initiatives. Course fees are charged per student, per course and include registration, course content, course facilitation by a Wisconsin certified teacher, and toll free technical support seven days a week.

Course Offerings

Consult the WVS website at www.wisconsinvirtuallschool.org for complete course descriptions. More courses will be added as they become available. Currently, more than 70 courses are offered in English, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and electives such as foreign language, information technology, career planning, and life skills. Unique Credit Recovery courses are available in many of the required high school courses. Middle school courses in Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Language Arts are also available.

Other opportunities include Advanced Placement courses and AP Exam Reviews. Online Test Prep courses for the ACT, SAT, and PSAT are also available.

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

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