

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTIONS IN VIRGINIA

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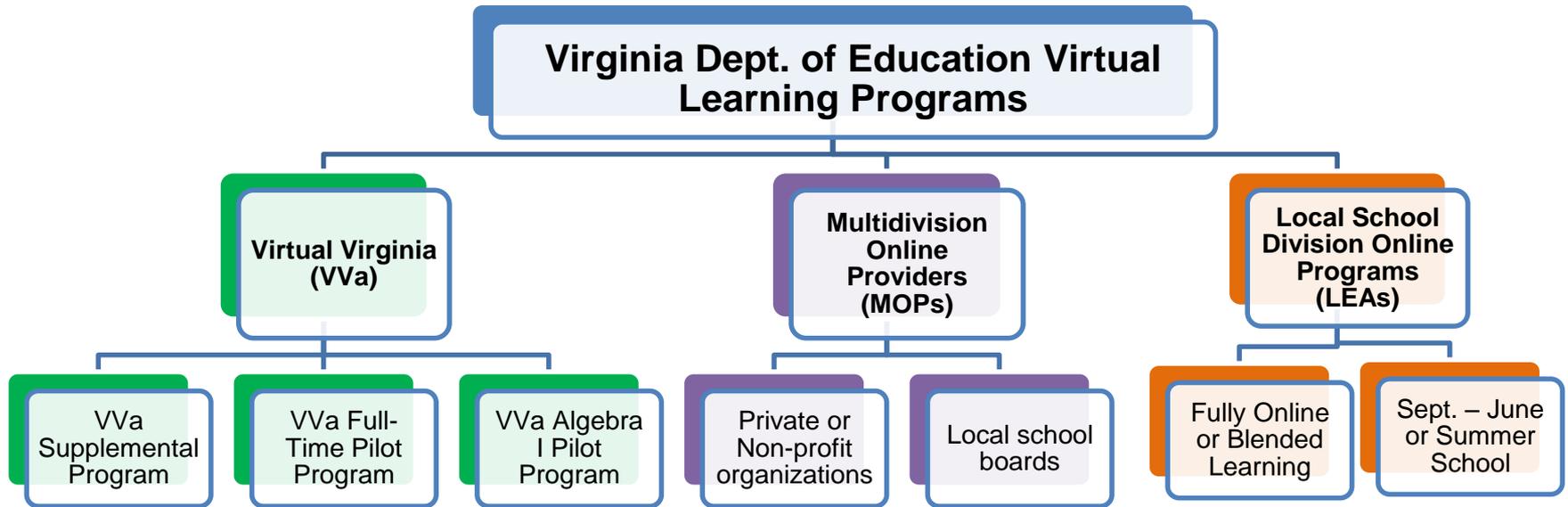
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Virtual Learning Options in Virginia



VDOE Website - Virtual Learning

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/

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News & Announcements ⓘ

Virtual Virginia Full-time Program Pilot

During the upcoming 2015 - 2016 academic year, the VDOE Virtual Virginia program will pilot a full-time offering of courses through public schools, modeled after the current partnership with Virginia public schools. The pilot will offer all required courses for grades 9-12, plus an additional compliment of world language courses and electives.

- [Webinar slides](#) (PDF)
- [Recorded Webinar](#)
- [Learn more about the pilot offering.](#)

Virtual education programs provide additional instruction choices for students in non-traditional settings through distance learning options. These online learning programs offer flexibility to students while providing instruction aligned with the [Standards of Learning](#). A number of Virginia school divisions provide opportunities for their students to take online courses as a part of their regular course offerings. (For information on school division online courses, check the [local school division](#) course catalog.)

There are two other instructional options available to Virginia students:

Virtual Virginia

VDOE's Virtual Virginia program offers pre-Advanced Placement (AP), honors and AP classes as well as academic electives and world languages. Virtual Virginia is designed to meet the needs of students who otherwise would be unable to take these courses due to a lack of availability or scheduling conflicts within their school. Eligible students enroll in Virtual Virginia through their local schools. The deadline for registering is the end of the first week of the local school calendar. The deadline for spring semester 4X4 block courses is the end of the first week of the local school spring semester. Visit [Virtual Virginia](#) for details about the program, including the course catalog, school registration information and more.

Virtual Schools & Courses (Multidivision Online Providers)

The 2010 General Assembly directed the Board of Education to establish criteria for the approval of virtual school programs that provide instruction to students in multiple school divisions. The criteria and processes approved by the board in November 2010 provide flexibility for diverse learners and ensure that instruction provided by multidivision online providers is aligned with state standards and provided by highly qualified teachers. More about: [Virtual Schools & Courses – Multidivision Online Providers](#) – information of interest to providers, school divisions and students and parents.

Virtual Learning Advisory Committee

The 2014 General Assembly directed VDOE to establish the [Virtual Learning Advisory Committee \(VLAC\)](#).



[Virtual Virginia in Highland County](#)

(Flash) – Students and educators in rural Highland County discuss opportunities Virtual Virginia provides, including Advanced Placement courses and world languages.

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- Virtual Schools & Courses (Multidivision Online Providers)
- Virtual Learning Advisory Committee

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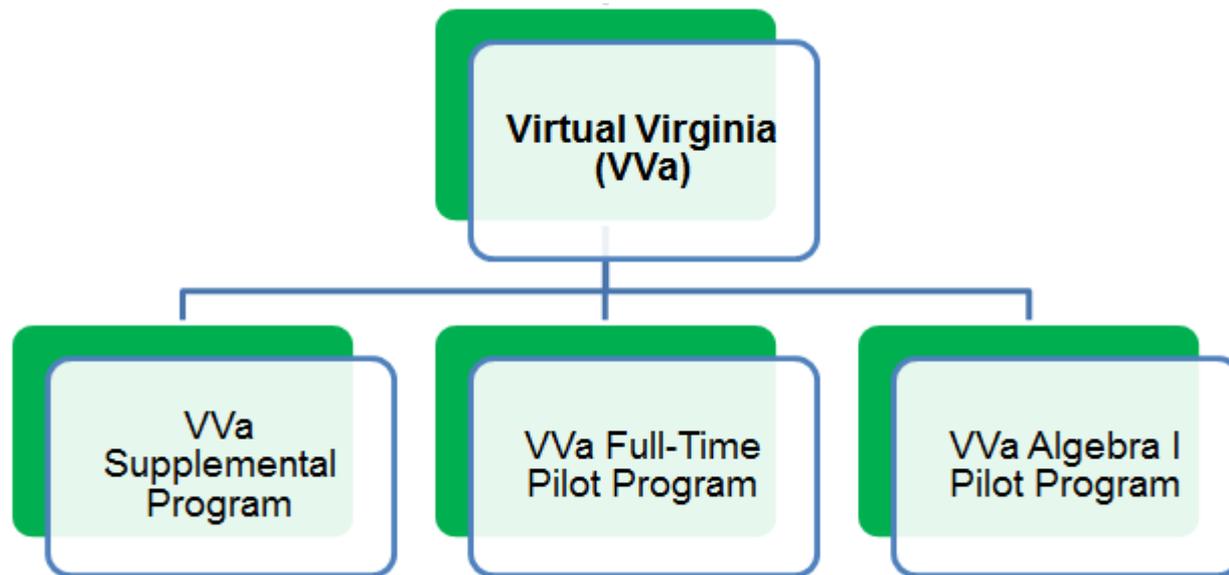
- Standards of Learning (SOL)
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Virtual Virginia (VVa)



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<http://www.virtualvirginia.org>

Mission of Virtual Virginia:

Virtual Virginia is a program of the Virginia Department of Education serving **students in Virginia middle and high schools** by **providing flexible options** for the diverse educational needs of students and their families. The program offers **equal access to** online courses for students who might not be able to take **Advanced Placement, world language, core academic, and elective courses** due to the **lack of a highly-qualified instructor, too few students to offer the course, or scheduling conflicts** within the school.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Virtual Virginia website. At the top right, there is a 'COURSE LOGIN' section with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'Login' button, and links for 'Forgot Password?' and 'System Check'. Below the login section is a navigation bar with links for 'ABOUT', 'COURSES', 'STUDENTS', 'PARENTS', 'FACULTY', 'COUNSELORS', 'MENTORS', 'TECH SUPPORT', and 'CONTACT'. The main content area features a 'TESTIMONIALS' section with a photo of three students and a quote from Sarah C., a Chinese II Student. Below this are three columns: 'LEARN MORE' with text about expanding opportunities, 'MEET OUR TEAM' with text about administrators and staff, and 'SPOTLIGHT' with a graphic for 'Virtual Virginia: Online High School'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'NEWS', 'CALENDAR', and 'ENROLLMENT'.

Virtual Virginia (VVa)

Courses for Students



- Students enrolled through local school division
- Mentor for f2f support
- VA-licensed VVa instructor for online instruction and real-time support
- 10 cohorts plus summer session
- SOL testing f2f at local school

Virtual Virginia (VVA)

Standard Courses

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| Arabic I, II, and III | Algebra I |
| Chemistry (Advanced & Honors) | Algebra II and Trigonometry |
| Chinese I, II, III, and IV | Biology |
| Creative Writing | English 9 |
| Earth Science I | English 10 |
| Earth Science II: Astronomy | English 11 |
| Economics | English 12 |
| Economics & Personal Finance | Geometry |
| French I, II, and IV | Virginia and U.S. History |
| Intro. to Game Design | Virginia and U.S. Government |
| Latin I, II, III, and IV | World History |
| Physics (Honors) | Health and P. E. 9 |
| Pre-Calculus | Health and P. E. 10 |
| Psychology | Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis |
| Spanish (Intro, Beg., Intermediate, & Adv.) | |
| Survey of World Languages | |
| World History & Geography I | |
| World Mythology | |

Virtual Virginia (VVa)

Advanced Placement Courses

Art History

Biology

Calculus AB

Calculus BC

Chinese Language and Culture

Computer Science A

English Language and Composition

English Literature and Composition

Environmental Science

European History

French Language

Government and Politics: Comparative

Government and Politics: U. S.

Human Geography

Latin

Macroeconomics

Microeconomics

Physics I

Physics II

Psychology

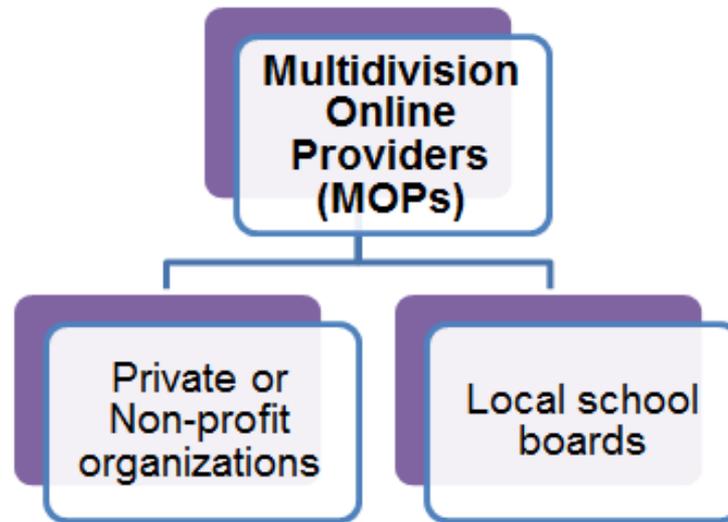
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Statistics

U. S. History

World History

Multidivision Online Providers (MOPs)



http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/virtual_schools/

Multidivision Online Providers (MOPs)

Multidivision Online Providers (MOPs) supply online courses to K-12 students.



- May be local school divisions, private organizations, or nonprofit organizations
- Offer one or more courses
- Supply VA-licensed online instructor
- Local mentor may support learning

Multidivision Online Providers (MOPs)

SOL and Non-SOL Course Offerings

Of the 1,365 courses currently approved for offering, including electives added during the year, 616 (45%) are SOL.

Course Completion and Pass Rates per MOP Reports

Completion Rate: 95.90%

Pass Rate: 92.11%

Multidivision Online Providers (MOPs)

- Offerings depend on local school division contract(s)
- Summary reports on VDOE [website](#)
- State-level MOP approval process
- Consult with counselor at local school prior to enrolling
- SOL testing f2f at local school

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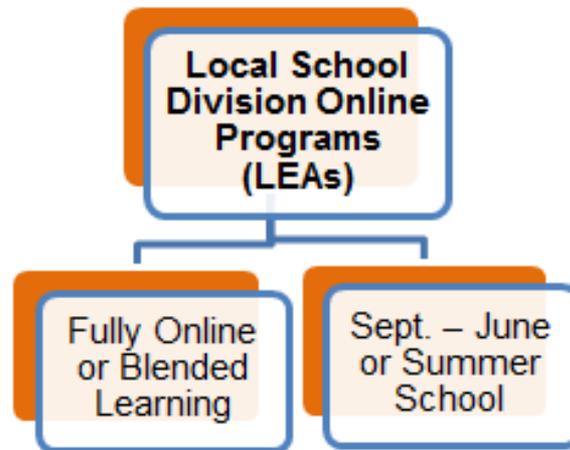
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Local School Division Programs (LEAs)



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- A number of the 132 Virginia school divisions provide opportunities for their students to take online courses created by their school division as a part of their regular course offerings
- For information on school division online courses, check the [local school division](#) contacts

Virtual Learning Advisory Committee (VLAC)

The Virtual Learning Advisory Committee was established in 2014 and charged with advising VDOE on:

- Online courses, in-service training and digital instructional resources necessary for school divisions to meet graduation requirements
- Strategic planning to expand blended and online learning opportunities in Virginia's public schools, including cost-effective access to high-need and low-demand courses, training, content and digital resources.

Virtual Learning Advisory Committee (VLAC)

Committee Meetings:

- VLAC committee meetings are held twice a year. All meetings are open to the public. Unless otherwise announced, all meetings will be held in the Jefferson Conference Room on the 22nd floor of the Monroe Building, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219.
- Next meeting tentatively set for April 19th, 2016

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