



Fairfield County ESC Virtual High School Fact Sheet 2008-2009 School Year

What is Virtual High School?

VHS is an independent, online education program that gives students access to high quality, innovative online curriculum offered from high schools around the world. In addition, students have the opportunity to interact, collaborate, and team with students of different ethnicities, cultural backgrounds and geographical locations. The VHS program offers over 130 different course selections with curriculum that is extremely diverse and a creative alternative to traditional courses. To learn more go to <http://www.govhs.org/>.

Who can take VHS classes?

The student may be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at Berne Union, Bloom Carroll, Fairfield Union, Pickerington or Walnut Township High Schools.

The student must have a solid academic career (not necessarily outstanding, but solid). A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher is required. No more than the equivalent of 10 full day absences from school in the previous school year is required.

The student must submit two teacher referrals. One must be from an English teacher. The second must be from a teacher who teaches in the same discipline as the desired VHS course. For example, if a student wished to enroll in "Biotechnology," he or she would need a reference from a science teacher.

The student must meet all academic prerequisites for specific courses. For example, in AP Calculus students must have completed courses covering algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry, elementary functions and their notations.

What are the keys to a successful online learning experience?

Students must have regular attendance online.

Students must be willing to actively participate.

Students must independently complete assignments in a timely manner.

Students must pay careful and thorough attention to tasks.

Students are given a daily period of Internet access at school for VHS but also benefit greatly from Internet access at home and the ability to use it for assignments.