

# VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY

Consortium

Kindergarten-5th Grade



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TUITION-FREE PROGRAM FOR  
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE



## Are you looking for virtual, home-based learning for your child?

There are many reasons for educating your child outside of a traditional classroom. Virtual Learning Academy Consortium (VLAC) offers a choice for parents who want to be more directly involved in their child's education. VLAC enables you to share the gift of your time and talent with your child. **Our virtual school's instructional model provides individualized learning plans that meet your child's specific needs.**

The VLAC virtual learning experience consists of a partnership among students, our faculty, parents, peers and both academic and technology support teams. The support of our team empowers your child to reach his or her full academic potential.

The foundation of the Virtual Learning Academy Consortium program is the world-renowned Calvert Education curriculum. Calvert has been the trusted leader in distance learning for over a century, serving students and schools in all 50 states and over 60 countries. Calvert's curriculum is used by public, private, virtual, charter and international schools, as well as by families, to successfully educate children. You can be confident that your child will thrive at VLAC.

Students who enroll in VLAC will be provided, at no cost, the equipment (including computer, printer/scanner and internet access) and materials needed to participate in virtual learning using the Calvert curriculum. Each student will also receive a tailored program of learning designed to meet their specific educational needs and goals, and will receive instructional oversight by highly-qualified Michigan teachers.



## Commonly Asked Questions about VLAC

### Is my child eligible?

Eligible students include residents of one of our many partner districts listed on our website at [vlac.org](http://vlac.org) or students enrolled in a partner district through Schools of Choice (also listed on our website). Students must also meet the state age requirements to enroll in kindergarten and are less than 6 years old as of Sept. 1 of the current school year.

### How much does it cost?

Virtual Learning Academy Consortium is provided by Oakland Schools in partnership with local school districts. All tuition, materials, equipment and services are fully funded. **There is NO cost to families.**

### How is my child's grade level determined?

Grade level is determined on a case-by-case basis using a placement test. Our placement team and your child's supervising teacher will use the results to help you determine an appropriate course of study, establish academic goals for the year and plot achievement milestones. An individualized learning plan and clear learning objectives maximize your child's potential.

### Do I need Internet access at my home?

Yes, Virtual Learning Academy Consortium offers a blend of traditional and online instruction. If needed, internet access and computer equipment is provided to enrolled students.

### How much time will be required online, per day, per week?

The Calvert program is a blended program. Students may access the lessons and complete some activities online. The amount of time online will vary depending on the student and the lesson for that day. Other activities, such as reading texts, novels, completing worksheets, labs and some projects will be done offline.

### What is my role?

As the learning guide, you review daily objectives with your child, prepare materials for the day's lessons, monitor task completion and pacing and provide direction and assistance as needed. You can undertake your role with complete confidence knowing you are fully supported by a team of highly qualified Michigan teachers.

### How do I enroll my child in VLAC?

**Please visit our website to start your enrollment application at [vlac.org](http://vlac.org).**

You will receive detailed step-by-step instructions on how to secure a spot for your student in the program.

# About Calvert

## The Curriculum

The Calvert curriculum is a high-quality, research-based, standards-aligned program of study designed to prepare your child for success in school and in life. Developed by curriculum and distance learning experts, the Calvert curriculum provides your child a challenging and integrated educational experience with emphasis on communication, critical thinking and problem solving. Instruction is sequenced in manageable steps, reinforced by multimedia experiences.

Its presentation is refined and updated every year to take advantage of new research, new technology and new ways to help your child succeed.

## It All Works Together

To emphasize and reinforce key concepts, skills and information are integrated within topics and across subjects. For example, the readings in the literature course follow the time period being studied in history. Composition skills learned in language arts are applied when writing essays and reports in literature, history and science. Computation, data analysis and graphing skills learned in math are applied when students develop spreadsheets to display results from a science investigation. Technology skill application is woven throughout all subjects to ensure students succeed in a 21st century digital environment. In each subject area, students build on what they already know to successfully grasp new concepts and skills.



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