

# Calvert County Public Schools Online Program

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) offers online learning opportunities as alternatives for gaining original credit or recovering credit. Only students enrolled in a CCPS high school may participate in the CCPS Online Learning Program. Students have two options for participating in online courses, courses offered through CCPS for original or credit recovery and courses offered through Apex Learning Virtual School (ALVS), a Maryland approved vendor for credit recovery only.

Credit Recovery is defined as the opportunity to retake a course in which the student previously was not academically successful in earning credit towards graduation.

## CCPS Online Courses

Students in grades 10, 11, 12 and second semester 9th-grade students are eligible to enroll in online courses offered by CCPS. Students should refer to the Course Offering Guide to identify which courses are offered online. These courses can be taken for original credit, or for credit recovery.

- Enrollment in a CCPS Online Course is limited to those courses that have been approved by Calvert County Public Schools and is noted in the Course Offering Guide.
- All course work must be completed by the last student day of the semester or the year in which the student enrolls.
- The grade from the online course will be reflected on the student's report card and transcript.
- All students enrolled in a CCPS Online Course will be assigned a mentor.
- Students must complete the Online Learning Interest Survey prior to starting a CCPS Online Course.
- Some online courses have a required face-to-face component. Meetings may be held after school, evenings, weekends, or held virtually depending on course content. Please refer to the Course Offering Guide for the courses that require face-to-face meetings.
- Students taking a CCPS Online Course that moves them beyond 7 credits will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$25 and a fee of \$300 for a one-credit course and \$250 for a half-credit course.
- Generally, the online courses offered every school year:
  - Music Appreciation (Seniors ONLY - 1 cr)
  - Foundations of Technology (1 cr)
  - Financial Literacy (.5 cr - Fall and Spring)
  - Health (.5 cr – Fall and Spring)
- Generally, the online courses offered every summer are:
  - Health (.5 cr)
  - Financial Literacy (.5)
  - Foundations of Technology (1 cr)
  - Spanish I & II (1 cr)
  - Music Appreciation (Seniors ONLY - 1 cr)

## CCPS Online ALVS Credit Recovery Courses

Students who have completed grade 9, 10, or 11 and have failed to earn credit in one or more courses may decide to take the course again online through Apex Learning Virtual School (ALVS), a Maryland State Department of Education and CCPS approved vendor.

- Before enrolling in a course through ALVS, students must submit the CCPS Online ALVS Credit Recovery Student Participation Request Form and receive approval from CCPS. This ensures that the course is still approved prior to paying for the cost of the course.
- Please refer to CCPS Online Learning Website for approved CCPS credit recovery courses offered through ALVS.
- The ALVS course enrollment must be completed by December 15th of each year.
- All students enrolled in an ALVS course will be assigned a mentor.

- Credit will not be awarded for online student courses if CCPS has not provided approval for course enrollment.
- Once enrolled in an ALVS course, students will have a maximum of 20 weeks to complete all course work. The 20-week course includes two – 10-week sessions. Courses must be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup> to generate a final grade for the course.
- Students participating in an ALVS course are required to complete the end of session exams in a face-to-face setting with their online mentor.
- The final grade from the credit recovery is calculated in the student's GPA. The attempted credit from the original course will be zeroed out, however, the course will still show on the student's transcript.
- Online ALVS credit recovery courses offered for the 2020-21 school year:
  - English 9, 10, and 11
  - Algebra 2
  - Geometry
  - Modern World History
  - American Government

**For more Information:**

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