

High School Virtual Academy Information

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) is committed to offering a virtual experience for those families who submitted an application and were accepted into the Virtual Academy Program for the upcoming school year.

Throughout the summer, CCPS has explored options to provide a virtual program for our **high school** students. However, due to the low number of student applications and limited staff for this effort, it has been determined that CCPS will not be able to offer the Virtual program as outlined in our proposal and shared in the Virtual Academy Townhall.

For families of high school students who were accepted into the virtual academy and remain interested in a virtual option, CCPS will offer a virtual program that is contracted with APEX Learning. Through this program, students will have access to a Maryland certified teacher who will provide asynchronous instruction 80% of the time and synchronous instruction 20% of the time. A Student Support Specialist will be assigned to work with students who are fully enrolled.

The APEX virtual program is outlined on the next few pages with the specific courses that will be offered to high school students. These courses will meet the Maryland Graduation requirements.

School Calendar

The High School Virtual Academy Program (VAP) calendar does not align with the Calvert County Public Schools published school calendar. Participating students agree to follow the [Blended Virtual Program \(BVP\) calendar](#).

Calvert Blended Virtual High School Course Offerings

English

English 9 1104

English 10 1204

English 11 1304

English 12 1404

AP English Language and Composition⁴ 1309

AP English Literature and Composition⁴ 1409

Math

Algebra I 3125

Algebra I Seminar¹

Geometry 3204

Algebra II 3135

Probability and Statistics 3420

Precalculus 3305

AP Calculus AB 3409

AP Statistics 3429

Science

Environmental Science 4507

Biology 4204

Chemistry 4307

Physics 4407

AP Environmental Science 4509

AP Biology 4209

AP Chemistry 4309

Social Studies

World History 2107

US History 2204

US History Honors 2207

American Government 2304

AP US History 2209

AP US Government and Politics 2309

AP Microeconomics 5179

AP Psychology 2549

World Languages

Spanish I 1810

Spanish II 1820

Spanish III 1830

AP Spanish Language and Culture 1859

Electives

Financial Literacy* 5230

College and Career Preparation I*

Art Appreciation*

Music Appreciation 6370

Lifetime Fitness 9* 7085

Physical Education 10* 7086

Health 1* 7010

Health 2*

Information Technology Applications* 5240

Foundations of Computer Science³ 3505

Psychology* 254

¹ English and Math Seminar courses are electives to be taken together with their corresponding course.

³ This course meets the technology education graduation requirement and is offered in the second semester.

⁴ AP Courses are taken for the full school year, therefore must begin in first semester.

⁵ 2nd semester only.

*0.5 credit course.

Courses offered through CCPS Online Learning Program

Student attending the Virtual Academy Program may elect to take a course through the CCPS Online Learning Program. These courses include Foundations of Technology (1 credit) and Creative Writing (0.5 credit).

Sample High School Daily Schedule

The High School Virtual Academy through APEX Learning will run a block schedule where students will complete 3 – 4 course each semester for a total of 7 credits for the school year. AP courses will run the full year.

Students complete 7 credits in a school year. Students focus on 3-4 courses daily each semester.

Period	Time	M	T	W	Th	F	M-F 8am - 8pm	
1	8:00-8:20	Advisory* with Student Success Coordinator & SEL Activities						Tutoring
2	8:20-9:40	Course 1 (ex. English I)	Course 1 (ex. English I)	Course 1 (ex. English I)	Course 1 (ex. English I)	Course 1 (ex. English I)		
3	9:45-11:05	Course 2 (ex. Algebra I)	Course 2 (ex. Algebra I)	Course 2 (ex. Algebra I)	Course 2 (ex. Algebra I)	Course 2 (ex. Algebra I)		
4	11:10-12:00	Lunch						
5	12:00-1:20	Course 3 (ex. Elective)	Course 3 (ex. Elective)	Course 3 (ex. Elective)	Course 3 (ex. Elective)	Course 3 (ex. Elective)		
6	1:25-2:45	Course 4 (ex. Biology)	Course 4 (ex. Biology)	Course 4 (ex. Biology)	Course 4 (ex. Biology)	Course 4 (ex. Biology)		

High school courses are taught on a semester block except for AP.

- ***Advisory** may be scheduled during any independent learning period.
- All VAP courses contain **Asynchronous** learning and at least 20% **Synchronous** instruction.
- Synchronous instruction may include students who are enrolled in the Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium Blended Virtual Program. Districts include Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.
- Elective course offerings may be limited by enrollment.

Digital Learning Tools

APEX learning will use Zoom and the ASSIST platform for synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

Service Learning

The Maryland State Board of Education stipulates that all students in Maryland public schools must complete student service requirements to earn a high school diploma. Students in need of Service Learning hours should contact their home school counselor for information on how to fulfill these requirements.

Required Assessments

Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy will participate in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program and students will be required to report to their home school for these testing sessions.

Orientation

Students and families are invited to online orientation on the following dates and times:

- High School - August 26th at 6 p.m.

Progress Reporting

- Families will receive an email with their student's course progress each week.
- Weekly reports will be sent to the school counselor and school administrator.