

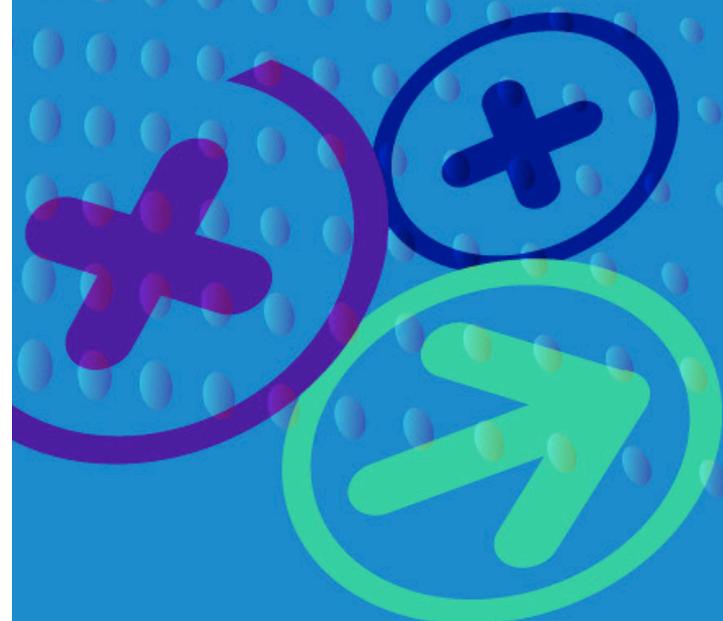


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In the Fall of 2010, the Department of Defense Education activity (DoDEA) opened the DoDEA Virtual High School (DVHS) for students with forty-eight course offerings designed to meet DoDEA graduation requirements.

While most students will only take one class or a few classes through the DVHS, beginning in the Fall of 2011, DVHS will be accredited as a comprehensive “diploma granting” institution for those students who need this unique option.

Military families make many sacrifices in their service to our nation — frequent moves being one of the most challenging for students.

DoDEA is committed to ensuring that a quality education for military children is one sacrifice families don't have to make. The DVHS increases educational offerings for students to help address transition issues and to offer greater scheduling flexibility.

### Who is Eligible?

Students currently enrolled or eligible to enroll in a DoDEA school in Grades 7-12 are eligible to enroll in DoDEA Virtual High School courses.

Eligibility requirements for the DoDEA Virtual High School are the same as for any DoDEA school. Priority for enrollment is based upon categories of eligibility.



## HOW IT WORKS

The DVHS expands access to education and provides curricular options similar to programs delivered within DoDEA schools and so DVHS courses address the same standards and performance. DVHS courses maintain apply the same academic rigor as any DoDEA course taught in a traditional classroom.

Like any DoDEA school, the DVHS expects all students to abide by ethical academic standards. The Academic Integrity Policy, which can be found on the DVHS website, covers all school-related tests, quizzes, reports, class assignments and projects both in and out of class.

## IS DVHS RIGHT FOR YOUR STUDENT?

Online learning is not for everyone. To be successful in an online course, a student should be self-directed and possess effective study and basic computer skills. The ability to work independently is also critical.

DVHS students need to be more proactive than they must be in many brick and mortar classrooms. The virtual environment encourages students to be self-starters but they will also receive support also provides assistance from teachers, local facilitators and technical support technicians.

DVHS students are required to complete a student orientation that is intended to introduce prospective students to online learning opportunities offered through DoDEA Virtual High School. The goal of the orientation is to increase student readiness and self-confidence while enrolled in a virtual learning course.



## VISIT VIRTUAL-HS.DODEA.EDU <http://virtual-hs.dodea.edu>

A self-assessment is available to students via the DVHS website to help them determine, prior to beginning a DVHS course, if distance learning is right for them.

## THE FUTURE

In addition to earning important credits toward graduation, completing courses through the DVHS develops life-long learning skills that will be critical as your student sets and meets college or career-readiness goals.

Being self-directed, working independently and using current technology to engage, learn and share will help prepare students to be successful in the 21st Century global economy.

