

ELCO Virtual Academy

What You Need to Know



What is ELCO Virtual Academy?

The ELCO Virtual Academy (VA) is an online option for ELCO students who would like to be at home for instruction and remain part of the ELCO school community. ELCO VA is available for students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, with a variety of courses offered. Instruction in the ELCO VA is asynchronous, meaning lessons and activities can be completed at any time during the day. Students who choose ELCO VA must have a high level of motivation and independence to ensure success. ELCO VA students may participate in ELCO extra-curricular activities.

What does asynchronous instruction mean?

Asynchronous instruction does not incorporate live lessons into the teaching format. Lessons are available for students to review at any time and activities are self-paced and can be completed at a time that is most convenient for students and families.



Is ELCO VA taught by ELCO teachers?

ELCO teachers teach the majority of the VA courses while a few courses are taught by Lancaster-Lebanon Virtual Solutions teachers. The curriculum provided in the ELCO VA is the same online curriculum utilized by some of the cyber charter schools. The benefits of ELCO VA include the ability to: participate in ELCO extracurricular activities; receive ELCO transcripts for college and work applications; earn an ELCO diploma; and stay connected with ELCO staff.

May my child try ELCO VA for a short period of time?

If you decide that ELCO VA is a good fit for your child, we will require a commitment of at least one semester (two marking periods). At the semester break (January 2021), you may choose to transition your child into one of the other available instructional options or remain in ELCO VA for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. The curriculum and pacing in ELCO VA are different than in the other ELCO instructional options, so a student transitioning mid-year may experience gaps or overlaps in the curriculum.

How do I know if VA is right for my child?

We have found that the biggest factor related to student success in the ELCO VA is a high level of student motivation. Students must be dedicated to complete the courses, have the ability to pace themselves within several courses, and possess the work skills to independently accomplish lessons and assignments. Students who are successful in VA must be able to easily understand written directions and be able to express their thoughts in writing. If this is an option you are considering for your child, click [HERE](#) to learn more!

ELCO Online Synchronous

If you would prefer your child not attend school in person but do not think ELCO VA is the right fit for your child, consider ELCO Online Synchronous Learning. This option utilizes ELCO teachers, ELCO curriculum, and provides the most support during online instruction. Find out more [HERE!](#)

Need More Information?

See the ELCO VA webpage [HERE](#)

Refer to the Re-Opening ELCO Webpage [HERE](#) for more information and District updates.

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