



# Youngstown Virtual Academy

**housed at**  
**Mahoning County High School**  
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Youngstown Virtual Academy is an opportunity for students who are self disciplined to attend classes needed for graduation in a Virtual Learning Lab. The non-traditional classes are on APEX (an online learn program) and aligned to the Ohio Learning Content Standards and Youngstown City Schools academic requirements.

Youngstown Virtual Academy is not a drop out recovery school.

## Student Expectations

- **Attendance:** Students are **required** to attend school Monday through Friday. Students can attend am, pm, or full day sessions. Successful students should work for a minimum of 6 hours daily or 20 hours a week.
- **Course Schedule** Students will maintain a full schedule of courses as though they were in a typical high school setting which may vary based on grade level. Schedules will be discussed upon enrollment and at the end of the school year.
- Students completing **graduation** requirements will participate in commencement with their home school East or Chaney.
- Students are required to comply with Youngstown City School District's Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the Youngstown City Schools Student Handbook.

- Students will have access to all required state **Testing**. Students must participate in all testing.
- Students work in the Virtual Program will be closely monitored by staff. Students will undergo evaluation every 9 weeks to determine continued eligibility in the program. This will be given to parent/guardian (s) at the time of transfer into virtual.

## Staff

- Staff are present in the program from 7:20-2:15 pm Monday through Friday.
- Courses are taught by Highly Qualified Ohio Content teachers provided through APEX ALVS learning system. Online tutoring is available to students Monday through Friday from 8-8. No in person tutors are available.

## Referral/Transfer Process

- Staff and/or a guardian will contact the coordinator of Virtual by phone or email to identify interest in the program.
- A member of the virtual staff will review your paperwork and contact the family to notify them of the remaining transfer steps or the reason for denial.

NOTE: Transfer paperwork MUST be completed every year, and can be completed beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Non-Youngstown Students

If you are not a Youngstown City School Student you will need to register as a district student, and attend classes at your assigned school prior to consideration for the virtual program.

Questions regarding district enrollment must go through the student services office at East High School Room 054.

Students will be allowed to attend afterschool events, school sponsored dances, or play sports through their home school. Student will NOT be permitted into these buildings during educational time. Students who choose the Virtual Academy will only attend school at the Virtual Academy but upon graduation will receive a diploma from their home school.

## Mission Statement

Our Mission is to provide curriculum aligned with the Ohio Learning Content Standards and to support students choosing to complete their High School Requirements in a computer based learning environment.

## Special Education

Special Education services are available to students who have been identified by an Individualized Educational Assessment and have an Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

## Tours

If you think your student would benefit from an online learning environment and you would like to visit Youngstown Virtual Academy please call Mrs. Sedlacko at 330-744-8719 to schedule a visit.

## Change of Address/Phone number

Please report any change of name, address or telephone number to your student's assigned home school. Appropriate documentation must be provided at the time of an address update

## Transportation

Parents/guardians must identify their transportation option upon submission of transfer application.

## Food Service

Breakfast and lunch are available to students. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria of the school during allotted time.

## APEX Learning System

Courses completed through Apex Learning Virtual School are accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accreditation division of AdvancED, as a private high school. This accreditation recognizes Apex Learning Virtual School for promoting and maintaining a well-balanced education program and for exceeding standards considered essential for quality education.

## Accredited and NCAA Eligible

Designed to support students in mastering the standards-based, rigorous coursework required to be successful in college and career.

- Accredited by AdvancED
- Approved by National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA®)
- AP® courses authorized by the College

Board

