



Youngstown Virtual Academy

housed at

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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 platform) and aligned to the Ohio Learning Content Standards and Youngstown City Schools academic requirements. Students who will be successful with APEX need to attend morning or evening sessions and spend a minimum of thirty hours a week working on their classes and be able to demonstrate a sense of ownership and responsibility for their academics. The morning session runs from 9:15 to 11:50 and the afternoon session runs from 12:25 to 3:25.

Student Expectations

- **Attendance:** Successful students should work for a minimum of 6 hours daily (30 hours a week). This includes a morning (9:15 - 12:00pm) or afternoon 12:25-3:25 pm session in the Virtual Lab. There are other arrangements that can be made with the Principal based upon discretion and on an individual basis. Students are required to log a minimum of 30 hours a week. Failure to work 30 hours a week will result in a written warning.
- **Communication :** Student have the opportunity and will be required to communicate with their Youngstown City School gmail account.

- **Support** Students are expected to initiate contact with the Virtual staff if support is needed.
- **Course Schedule** Students are expected to complete two classes at a time in required areas to be pursuing graduation requirements. Failure to complete or work in a subject area will result in an F for the course.
- Students completing Youngstown City Schools graduation requirements on time are permitted to participate in commencement.
- Students are required to comply with Youngstown City School District's Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the Youngstown City Schools Student Handbook.
- Everyone is expected to work and to cooperate fully with the instructor and **must** maintain passing grades in the Virtual Academy.
- Students work in the APEX Program will be closely monitored by Virtual Staff and others. Student showing success and the ability to progress in the program will be encouraged to continue, if they so choose. Student that struggle to complete work or fail to log into APEX for 5 consecutive days will be given a written warning.

Application Process

Applications are available upon request and can be submitted to begin the admission process. Applications are also available at Chaney and East High Schools.

- Youngstown Virtual Academy Application
- Most Recent Transcript
- YCS Registration Form/Emergency Contact Sheet
- Completion of YCSD enrollment packet

If you are not a Youngstown City Schools Student you will need the following in addition to the above forms. *

- Health/Shot Records
- Birth Certificate
- Parent/ Guardian Photo ID
- Custody Papers, if necessary
- Proof of Residency

Enrolling in the Virtual Academy withdraws you from your home school of East or Chaney, 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 Mr. Gurski at 330-744-2675

Change of Address/Phone number

Please report any change of name, address or telephone number to Youngstown Virtual Academy Office at 330 744 8700. Emergency situations sometimes occur which necessitates contacting parents or guardians and it is essential that current information be on file.

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®