



Virtual Learning Classrooms

“The program has provided our students with opportunities to take rigorous courses they normally not be able to and helped fill gaps in teaching due to staffing shortage.”

-NYC Principal

WHAT WE DO

Virtual Learning Classrooms (VLC) offers remote learning opportunities to students in middle and high school grades across the city. To provide increased equity and access to courses, the program offers schools the opportunity to enroll students in classes that are not currently offered at their school, including world language, Advanced Placement classes, and electives.

Schools are able to increase their course offerings and help students earn advanced diplomas.

The live, virtual classes are taught synchronously by centrally hired teachers.

HOW IT WORKS

During the day, students from multiple schools with similar bell schedules are enrolled in a class. There are also synchronous classes available at nontraditional times of day. Using Zoom and iLearn, students interact with the teacher and other students as they participate in rigorous and engaging classes.

EXPECTATIONS

- In general, during traditional school hours, students are expected to join classes from their home schools and are supervised and supported by home school staff. The staff supervising students is responsible for taking attendance, troubleshooting technology, providing in person student support, and regular communication with the remote teacher.
- If students are enrolled in a school that is running an approved NYCPS virtual learning program (i.e. School Based Virtual Learning, Virtual Innovators Academy, or School Without Walls), students may take VLC virtual classes remotely.
- If students are participating in classes held at nontraditional times, they may also take the classes remotely. In those cases, a school liaison will need to be identified to support students and communicate with the remote teacher.
- Schools are expected to provide students with computers with cameras, as well as headsets with microphones. If any students are participating in classes from remote locations, the school should verify student internet access.
- Schools need to program students thoughtfully. Students should opt into a remote class, enjoy online learning, and be prepared for the academic rigor of advanced courses.
- Per New York State regulations, parents must opt into virtual learning.



IF YOU ARE:

- A school interested in enrolling students
- A teacher interested in teaching
- Or just want more information

Email

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TEACHERS

The remote teachers are highly trained teachers that enjoy virtual teaching. They use a variety of edtech tools and strategies to connect with students and ensure an engaging learning environment. Remote teachers are certified content-experts and the teachers of record. Remote teachers are supervised centrally.

COST

For school year 24-25, participating schools will need to pay the following fees to offer Virtual Learning Classroom courses:

- Annual course student fee:
 - \$1250 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
 - \$3500 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
 - \$5250 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
 - \$7000 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
 - \$9000 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (Class cannot exceed contractual class size rules.)
- Semester course student fee:
 - \$625 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
 - \$1750 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
 - \$2625 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
 - \$3500 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
 - \$4500 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (Class cannot exceed contractual class size rules.)
- Annual course student fee for the following courses only: Spanish Year 1 and Forensics
 - \$1550 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
 - \$4000 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
 - \$6000 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
 - \$8000 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
 - \$11,500 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (Class cannot exceed contractual class size rules.)
- Semester course student fee for the following courses only: Health and Forensics
 - \$725 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
 - \$2000 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
 - \$3000 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
 - \$4000 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
 - \$6000 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (Class cannot exceed contractual class size rules.)

Since 2019, schools partnering with Virtual Learning Classrooms have increased the number of AP courses offered by over 650%. Thousands more students have taken Advanced Placement classes through VLC.

For over five years, schools across all five boroughs have had the opportunity to offer engaging, non-traditional virtual classes to students including Forensics, Financial Literacy, Film Studies, AP African American Studies, AP Seminar, and many more.

The thousands of students that have taken a virtual class in middle or high school are better prepared for college and the workplace by learning valuable instructional technology skills in addition to learning the content of the course.

Want to learn more?

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