

Vermilion Parish Virtual Academy

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Virtual Vermilion is a free, local option to the traditional public school.

- Students access Louisiana standards-based courses delivered by certified instructors through an online format that is closely aligned to the district's scope and sequence for each course.
- Students work at their own pace through various online learning activities following the Edgenuity assignment calendar.
- Courses are able to be completed anytime/anywhere and are progress-monitored through assignments, quizzes, tests, exams and the Edgenuity assignment calendar.
- Students have daily access to **local** teachers for one-on-one tutoring through video conferencing.

Why Choose Vermilion Virtual?

- *K-12, Connections Academy, University View* etc. are **not** affiliated with Vermilion Parish School System. Students would need to withdraw from the Vermilion Parish School System to enroll with one of these online programs.
- Virtual Vermilion provides free, individualized tutoring/support from a **live teacher** through video conferencing.
- Virtual Vermilion provides accommodations for unique learning styles, including Special Education services.
- There are multiple attempts at lesson mastery.
- Weekly progress reports are automatically emailed to parents.
- Virtual students are an integral part of the Vermilion Parish Public School System, and therefore, **can participate in extra-curricular (clubs/organizations, dances/prom) & LHSAA sports activities offered by their base school.**
- Virtual Vermilion follows the same holiday break schedule as the Vermilion Parish School District.

What Makes Us Unique?

- Self-paced courses
- Flexible learning environment
- Flexible learning schedule (*24 hour access to online courses*)
- Middle and high school students are provided with guided notes for all math, science, ELA and social studies courses.
- Elementary students are provided with learning materials needed to complete lessons.
- All lessons, assignments, quizzes and tests are completed from home.

Parent Expectations:

While parents are not expected to deliver curriculum content to their child, parents are expected to do the following:

- Parents must be **committed to ensuring that their child is covering all daily, required activities** as indicated on the Course Map/Assignment Calendar. Vermilion Parish truancy guidelines will be enforced.
- Kindergarten-6th grade students must have an **adult physically present** to guide them through the **daily** learning process. Parents are considered to be their child's learning coach.
- Kindergarten-12th grade parents must be aware of their child's daily, active time of engagement with their online courses and weekly progress reports.
- Incentivize and reward students for good online learning habits.
- Contact your child's online teacher when help is needed.
- Parents must have a valid **email** that is **checked regularly.**
- Parents must answer/return phone calls from our online teaching staff members.
- *In essence, if you cringe at the thought of helping your child with their homework, this program may not be the best fit for your child.*

What is the difference between home-schooling and Virtual Vermilion?

Virtual Vermilion	Home-Schooling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are enrolled with their zoned Vermilion Parish school and can participate in extracurricular/athletic activities. • All curriculum is provided by the Edgenuity online learning program through the VPSB at no cost to parents. • Attendance is time stamped and monitored by the Vermilion Parish School system. • Students must be on target with all coursework every Monday morning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must be withdrawn from the Vermilion Parish School district and are not enrolled in a Vermilion Parish school. • Parents must purchase/provide a curriculum for their child. • Student attendance is not monitored by the Vermilion Parish School system
<p>With both programs a student's success is heavily dependent upon the involvement and monitoring of the student's daily progress by the parent(s).</p>	

High School Enrollment Options

High School T.O.P.S./University Pathway	High School Jump Start Pathway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may have the opportunity to complete all Carnegie credit courses online through Edgenuity, a virtual learning platform that meets all required academic standards. • All courses and attendance requirements will be met as outlined by the Vermilion Parish School Board. • Students will work closely with the guidance counselors to create a schedule that ensures graduation requirements are met. • Students participate in graduation with their class, and graduate with an accredited Louisiana high school diploma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have the opportunity to complete Carnegie credit coursework online through Edgenuity for the <i>Hospitality and Business</i> career pathways only. • All other pathways would require a combination of online classes and hands-on/face-to-face courses offered at the Career Campus. • Students will work closely with the guidance counselors to create a schedule that ensures graduation requirements are met. • Students participate in graduation with their class, and graduate with an accredited Louisiana high school diploma

What do Edgenuity online lessons look like?

- Lectures
- Practice &/or Assignments
- Virtual lab activities
- Online quizzes and tests
- Tests will be taken from home and proctored by the online teacher.
- Click below for a sample of an elementary lesson:
[K-5 https://www.edgenuity.com/elementary-school/](https://www.edgenuity.com/elementary-school/)
- Click below for a sample of a middle/high school lesson:
<https://www.edgenuity.com/video-library/?vid=6015835064001>

What do students need to be successful?

All K-12 grade children of Vermilion Parish (including home-schooled students) are eligible for the Vermilion Parish Virtual Academy. Students interested in the academy should possess the following traits:

- A desire to learn independently
- Self-motivation
- Good time management skills
- A preference for anytime/anywhere learning versus the traditional classroom
- Basic computer skills
- Daily access to an electronic device (phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer) along with reliable internet service.
- If your child does not have an electronic device, one can be borrowed from Virtual Vermilion.

What school supplies will my child need for virtual school?

6th-12th Grade Students:

- two (2) 2" binders
- 1 pack of dividers with pockets
- Loose leaf paper
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Headphones/Earbuds
- 1 pack of Sticky notes

Kindergarten-5th Grade Students:

- one wide ruled 5 subject notebook
- crayons or colored pencils
- dry erase markers
- blunt tip scissors
- headphones/Earbuds

How much school work will my child have to do each day?

- Students work at their own individual pace to complete all assignments listed for each subject on their Course Map/Assignment Calendar in Edgenuity, Monday-Friday.
- K-8 grade students can expect to work from 4-6 hours per day, on average.
- 9-12 grade students can expect to work from 7-9 hours per day, on average.
- Any work missed during the week must be made up over the weekend to get back on target by the following Monday morning.

When can students enroll?

- Students can enroll with Virtual Vermilion at the beginning of each 9 weeks grading period.

Can my child return to traditional school?

- K-5th grade students must remain in Virtual Vermilion until the end of the 9 weeks.
- 6-8th grade students have a 2 week grace period in which they can opt to return to their face-to-face school.
- After the 2 week grace period, all students enrolled with our Virtual Vermilion program must remain with us until the end of the grading period (9 weeks).
- Students have the option of returning to school at the end of each 9 weeks grading period.

When does Virtual Vermilion begin?

- **9th-12th Grades:** September 10th (Orientation September 9th)
- **6th-8th Grades:** September 11th (Orientation September 10th)
- **PreK-5th Grades:** September 15th (Orientation September 14th)
- *An orientation video will be emailed to students and parents on the day before their start date.*

Registration for Virtual Vermilion will be available again online on the VPSB homepage beginning:
Wednesday, **August 26th.**

The **deadline** to register for Virtual Vermilion is: Monday, **September 7th at 3:00 p.m..**

Please email or call Dr. Tina Chargois if you have any further questions.

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