

# Pendleton Virtual Learning Academy FAQ and Registration Links

## What is the Pendleton Virtual Learning Academy?

- *The Pendleton Virtual Learning Academy is a comprehensive and full-time online K-12 school experience outside the traditional classroom. This is not like the distance learning you may have experienced when we had to close schools this spring. Our program has all the typical classes your child would have if attending school in person. It is a comprehensive program for K-12 students with licensed certified teachers, learning labs and tiered curriculum.*

## What supports will my student have in PVLA?

- *All courses are taught by licensed certified teachers. Personal contact will be made on a regular ongoing basis with personal one on one help available upon request. As allowable and safe, we will have weekly open labs where students can get help and questions answered.*
- *Access to school counselors for help with any work or questions about credits, transcripts and graduation.*
- *Special Education services available and will be managed by Pendleton School District Special Education staff.*

## Who will my child's teachers be?

- *In grades K-6 we have two full-time licensed elementary teachers who will teach and manage all K-6 students/classes. Once a student is enrolled in this program they will be contacted by the teacher.*
- *For grades 7-12 each course will have a different teacher. The teachers at the secondary level are all current licensed classroom teachers from local schools. Once a student is enrolled and registered they will be contacted by their teachers.*

## What classes are available for my child to take?

- *For grades K-6 students are automatically enrolled in the typical classes they would expect to have if attending school in person. Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Science, Health and Physical Education.*
- *For grades 7-8:*
  - *Language Arts 7 or Language Arts 8*
  - *Math 7 or Math 8*
  - *Science 7(earth science) or Science 8 (Physical Science)*
  - *Social Studies 7 (World History/Early Civilizations) Social Studies 8 (Early US History)*
  - *Health/PE*
  - *Intro to Foods*
  - *Coding*
  - *Investigating Careers*
- *For grades 9-12:*
  - *English Language Arts 9 or 10, or 11 or 12*

- *Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Integrated Math I, Geometry or Algebra II*
- *Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, Astronomy, or Veterinary Sciences*
- *US Government, World History, or US History*
- *PE I or PE II*
- *Health I or Health II*
- *Business, Spanish I, Spanish II, Music Foundations, Music Appreciation, Food and Travel, Psychology, Art (drawing).*
- *Success 101 or Success 201 (planning for your future)*
- **\*BASIC CREDIT RECOVERY via Acellus Courses available**

**What is the difference between an Acellus Course and a Google Classroom Course?**

- An Acellus Course is an interactive, self-contained education course where the primary platform for instruction is a series of video lessons with basic assignments and tests/quizzes.
- A Google Classroom Course is created, updated and maintained by a local certified teacher. This is a more personalized and rigorous course than an Acellus Course.

**Does my child have to be full-time online or can they attend some classes online and some classes at the school when they open?**

- *For grades K-6 attending full-time online is a requirement for enrollment. Attending classes at the school is not available to K-6 students unless they drop the online program and enroll full-time at the school.*
- *Students in grades 7-12 may attend some classes at the schools, such as music, PE, etc. Contact Sunridge Middle School or Pendleton High School for details on what classes are available. \*PSD is not responsible for student transportation if attending classes at the schools part-time.*

**How does attendance get tracked?**

- *Student engagement (progress or work completion) in online learning is required to count as attendance. There must be two-way communication with the teacher(s) twice per week as a minimum standard to avoid truancy. These attendance communications can happen through Google Classroom, through school-assigned Gmail account, by phone, or in-person/virtual class time.*

**How does grading work?**

- *In all grade levels (K-12), standard grade scales will resume for the 2020/21 school year. Student proficiency on grade-level standards will be provided in grades K-2 and A,B,C,D and F grades in grades 3-12. Teachers will establish due dates for all graded coursework and assessments in determining a student's grade and proficiency on grade-level standards. At the middle school and high school level, failure to complete assigned coursework would result in failing the class, loss of credit, and not maintaining on-track status or athletic eligibility.*

**When can my student access the online learning/classroom?**

- *One of the benefits of online learning is that students can access their classes when they are ready to learn or families have scheduled time to support their learning. Online classes can be accessed 24/7 and provide a flexible solution to learning. Students and parents can plan to focus on one or more classes per day. However, students and parents should be aware that online learning does take focused time (about 30 minutes per class per day on average), and they should have well-established routines to be successful. Online learning is hard and requires significant time, attention, and commitment. – it is not for everyone. While flexible, all students are required to complete assigned coursework within each semester to avoid negative impacts to grades and credit particularly at the middle school and high school level. See Grading for more information.*

**What are the expectations for my student in online learning?**

- **Attend:** *Students must check-in with their teacher(s) twice per week to maintain eligibility in the program and not be truant.*
- **Daily Class Time:** *Plan on at least 30 minutes a day per class or topic. Online is more flexible but not easier.*
- **Communicate:** *Communicate with staff when you need help. Do not procrastinate or avoid hard things.*
- **Meet Deadlines:** *Our goal is to help students move towards grade-level proficiency and graduation. All work has to be completed by the end of each semester to earn grades, credits, maintain eligibility, and maintain on-track status.*

**Will my student be able to participate in afterschool/extracurricular activities?**

- *Yes! All online students are fully eligible to participate in any of the athletic or extra-curricular activities at our schools.*

**Can my student transfer from full-time online to full-time at the school during the school year?**

- *Yes. Student transfers from our online learning academy to the traditional school may take place at the quarter (9 week) periods of the school year. Please notify the school/district at least 72 hours in advance of the transfer.*

**What kind of a high school diploma will my child earn if they graduate on the PVLA?**

- *A student who attends and completes all graduation requirements will receive a Pendleton High School diploma and be fully eligible to participate in all graduation ceremonies.*

**What technology support will we receive?**

- *Each student is loaned a Chromebook and charging cable. The IMESD tech support crew will be available via email and phone for any issues that arise with your Chromebook. We do not give Wi-Fi access in the home but it is available for free at several locations in Pendleton.*

- *Parents will be required to complete the Technology Use Agreement and financial liability forms to access technology. Replacement Chromebooks will not be provided until families resolve fees from lost, stolen, or damaged technology.*

**How is PVLA different from what the PSD will be doing during Comprehensive Distance Learning?**

- *PVLA is fully online and available at all hours of the day with limited teacher to student interaction. PVLA will be online, independent learning. What the Pendleton School District is doing this fall for the more Comprehensive Distance Learning requires students to follow a daily routine. Students will need to be logged in daily for 2-3 hours, Monday through Friday, to attend live interactive lessons with their teacher: the same teacher(s) the students will have when we get to return to the classroom.*

**How do I enroll my child in the PVLA?**

- *Use the following link to enroll your child or children in the Pendleton Virtual Learning Academy:*
  - *Grades K-6: <https://forms.gle/BqMMiemHdepVYcCk7>*
  - *Grades 7-8: <https://forms.gle/4qpwQkzVG33moirK9>*
  - *Grades 9-12: <https://forms.gle/VDe6RkLXB7AJQVF88>*

**Can I enroll my child in an online program other than the Pendleton Virtual Learning Academy?**

- *No. At this time our district has exceeded the 3% allowable cap of students attending an online virtual school outside of the Pendleton School District*