



# CLEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## VIRTUAL LEARNING (FAQ)

2020-2021

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **What grades does Clear Lake Virtual Learning (VL) serve?**

Kindergarten through 12th grade.

#### **What courses are offered?**

K-12 students take ELA, math, science, social studies and their choices of electives per year.

- K-5 is self-paced with the support of a learning coach (parent or caregiver) in the home. A workbook is provided along with the online content. [Edgenuity's Instructional Services for K-5](#)
- 6-12 is self-paced and much less dependent on a learning coach at home. [Edgenuity's Instructional Services for 6-12](#)

#### **Can a student be part-time VL?**

No. This pathway is for Clear Lake District resident students/families who want a 100% online school experience.

#### **What is the attendance policy for VL?**

Attendance in online learning is performance-based. It is measured not only by logging into the course(s), but by successful submission of completed coursework, participation in course activities such as threaded discussions, communication with the online instructor and following the timeline for completion of the course.

#### **Are the teachers Clear Lake teachers?**

No. The teachers are Wisconsin certified and are hired by Edgenuity. They are not School District of Clear Lake teachers.

#### **Is the content taught via VL the same as what is taught in the traditional schools?**

No. The standards the teachers are teaching from are the same. However, the way they are taught and assessed are not the same.

#### **Will High School VL students earn a Clear Lake High School Diploma?**

Yes. Students who attend and successfully complete VL courses may earn credits toward a Clear Lake High School Diploma.

#### **Can VL students take elective courses at the traditional schools?**

No. This pathway is 100% online through Edgenuity's offerings.

#### **Can VL students be part of middle and high school clubs?**

Yes. If their family provides transportation.

#### **Can VL students play middle and high school sports?**

Yes. This pathway is currently only open to Clear Lake residents.

**Can a student easily transfer back to the traditional pathway during the year.**

No, not easily. The content and pacing are not the same. Virtual classes are by semester. Students who enroll in VL should plan to complete each semester they register for with VL.

**Can I try VL and then change my mind?**

Students have 10 business days to try VL. If after 10 days they want to withdraw, they can. Students must enroll in the traditional school setting, enroll in homeschool, or attend another school setting within 5 school days after withdrawing, or truancy may be filed. If the student is enrolled more than 10 days, they are committed to completing the coursework they are enrolled in, or they will receive failing grades for that semester.

**Do I have to provide my own computer/device?**

No. The district will supply a Chromebook.

**Do I need to provide internet access?**

Yes. Families are responsible for internet access, so their child can log in and learn.

**Will students in VL have to take state assessments?**

Yes. By law students in grade 3-11 need to complete the state required assessments. All state assessments will require students to participate in those assessments on campus.

**Are the VL graduation requirements the same as Clear Lake High School?**

Yes. Clear Lake Graduates are required to complete 26 credits.

**Does it cost anything for families?**

No. It is paid for by the school district.

**Is virtual learning right for my student and me?**

Parents/Guardians play a key role in helping their student(s) be successful throughout the process of learning. The advantages of virtual learning include flexibility and convenience. However, virtual learning has challenges. This style requires just as much, if not more, time and energy as traditional in-school learning. Virtual learning transfers much of the responsibility of learning to the student and parent/guardian. That is, students will need to be self-motivated, have time management skills, and strong communication skills in order to be successful. **For K-5 students, there is an at-home learning coach (parent or care-giver) component required as well.**

**What virtual learning is NOT**

Virtual learning is not meant to be used for short-term absences from school. Rather it is a commitment of at least one semester or longer- it's best to commit for the full school year. The calendar and format of courses do not match with what our classroom teachers currently do. Therefore, switching between a traditional school setting and virtual learning is not an ideal plan for students.

**Student Expectations**

Students can expect to spend just as many hours completing a virtual course as they would in a traditional school setting. Minimally, students should plan to spend 1 hour per day on each semester-long course. The status of the student will be periodically evaluated by a Clear Lake School District staff member based on individual performance, learning needs, and available resources.

**Parent Expectations**

Virtual learning is as different for parents as much as it is for students. In order to ensure your student is successful, you will need to take on an active role in your child's learning. This includes everything from the supervision of young learners, technical support for operating the program, as well as collaborating and communicating with virtual teachers to help ensure that your child is understanding the concepts being taught.