



Learning that empowers students for life



VAL Academies
Pottstown School District

Tuition-Free Online and Blended Public School Program for Grades K-12

Unlock your child's potential

Choosing the right program can transform a child's life. And, because every child is unique, a "one size fits all" approach to education isn't always effective. At Pottstown Virtual and Alternative Learning (VAL) Academies, we work closely with families to tailor the learning program to each child's needs, talents, interests, and learning styles. This way, each student has exactly what's needed to do their best.

We offer four academies that provide flexible learning for your child including the Full-Time Virtual Academy, Blended Learning Academy, Academic Enrichment Academy, and Alternative Learning Academy. With a world-class curriculum, caring, certified teachers, and a custom mix of challenge and support, students build a strong foundation for a lifetime of achievement.

Free online program focused on your child

We apply a student-centered approach to helping your child develop essential skills for school and for life. With this approach, it is recommended that each child have a caretaker, typically a parent. Teachers, curriculum, and caretakers work together to support, enrich, and customize learning.

CARETAKERS

Typically support and motivate the student and monitor the schedule. Caretakers are also encouraged to communicate and collaborate with the teachers.



GEMS

Great Expectation Mentors are district advisors assigned to encourage, monitor and support the virtual student's progress in the program. It is the student/parent's responsibility to maintain monthly communication with the GEM.



CURRICULUM

Provides multimedia lessons, interactive tools, and excellent resources to engage students. It also delivers continuous information on students' progress to teachers.



CONNEXUS[®]EMS

is the online system that facilitates learning. Students and caretakers use it to link with teachers, curriculum, and a wide range of resources.



TEACHERS

Personalize lessons, provide feedback and assistance, and encourage students. Periodically, teachers instruct in real-time virtual sessions and evaluate student progress.



STUDENTS

Discover, create, and learn from home, accessing curriculum and resources via the Internet. Students can contact teachers for assistance by WebMail, chat, or phone.

All the elements of a well-rounded education

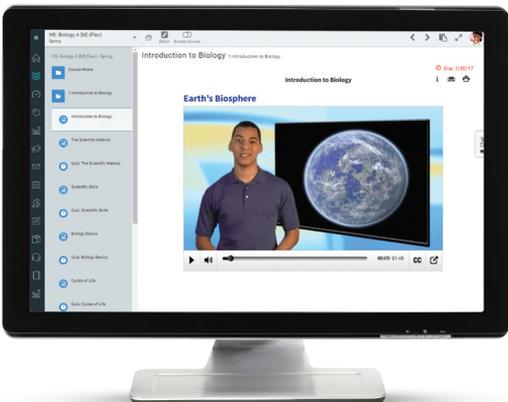
Our virtual program offers a world-class educational experience. With support from our team and our caring teachers, your child will thrive in a flexible environment built for their individualized approach to learning.

We provide you and your child with:

- Flexible online or blended learning options.
- Curriculum that engages students with videos, LiveLessons and multimedia instructional tools.
- Personalized instruction provided by certified teachers online and at our Beech Street Learning Studio Learning Lab.
- Access to Guidance Counseling, Student Services, Special Ed. Services and Health Services.
- Field trips and extra-curricular activities, including sports, clubs, prom, etc.
- A connection to the community and diploma from Pottstown High School.
- FAMILY 411, an exclusive, online resource center.

An outstanding curriculum

Every course in our comprehensive curriculum has been designed to engage students fully in online learning. Your child will build a solid foundation in reading, writing, and mathematics, while developing exploration, critical-thinking, and problem-solving skills. With a broad selection of core courses and exciting electives, you and your student can personalize the learning program according to their interests.





Stay connected

Online learning doesn't mean learning alone. You and your child can receive help whenever it's needed, through Webmail, chat, and online LiveLesson® sessions with teachers. Our teachers get to know their students well, so they can personalize lessons to ensure that each receives the right degree of challenge and support. Virtual program students also have opportunities to interact with each other. Just like all kids, they choose to IM, text, talk to each other on the phone, and connect via social media.

Take the journey together

As a caretaker, you have unlimited options for being involved in your student's education. Many families choose to create an environment that not only is safe but also nurtures their values. Parents tell us they cherish the extra time with their children, and the memories that last a lifetime.

Proven quality from Pearson, a leader in education

To offer this high-quality online program to students, we have partnered with Pearson, a leading education company that has provided virtual instruction to students worldwide for more than a decade. Our partner, Pearson Virtual Schools is accredited by Cognia, formerly AdvancED, and is both regionally and nationally recognized.





The flexibility your child needs

With more scheduling flexibility, our online program is ideal for many families. Students can take more time for challenging subjects or move quickly through lessons that are easily mastered. Schoolwork can be scheduled to accommodate travel, music lessons, sports practices, and other activities—without falling behind. While some coursework may need to take place at fixed times, there is always greater flexibility in how and where your student spends that time.

Our community of learners includes:

- Students who prefer home-based learning
- Students who need more flexible scheduling
- Students who appreciate more individual attention or support
- Students who can benefit from pacing that works with their learning styles
- Students seeking more challenging courses
- Students overcoming medical issues



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I am so grateful that there is a school that gives our family options while still offering such a great education for my daughters.”

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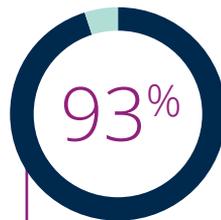
Tony, online program parent

Online programs earn high marks

Each year, parents of students in Pearson's network of online schools rate their experiences in an anonymous survey conducted by an outside firm. The consistently high ratings from this Parent Satisfaction Survey demonstrate how our proven approach can deliver great results for your family.



of parents agree that the curriculum is high quality.



of parents agree their children are satisfied with the program.



of parents agree that our technology tools improve their child's learning experience.



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Let's talk

Whether your child needs a fresh way to focus on academics and build confidence, a more supportive environment, or the freedom to pursue other interests, our program can provide the flexibility needed to achieve their goals. Together, we can empower your child for a lifetime. To learn more about our program:

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877-328-7029



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virtual education to districts
around the country.