



## What is the NCVPS?

The North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) established by the North Carolina General Assembly under the guidance of the North Carolina State Board of Education, is an online school community serving K-12 public school students throughout the state of North Carolina. The first set of course offerings are targeted for high school students and middle school students needing to take high school courses.

NCVPS replaces the role the Department of Public Instruction provided you when they paid for seats in on-line courses offered by various in state and out of state providers for your students to take. NCVPS also replaces the role of the Cumberland County Web Academy as a provider of online courses for students.

NCVPS is not degree granting but instead provides courses a student otherwise would not be able to enroll in at the student's local school. When the course is successfully completed, credit is transferred to the local school for placement on the student's transcript. The NCVPS budget absorbs the full operational cost of teaching courses online. There is no cost to the participating school or student.

North Carolina Virtual Public School provides high quality online educational opportunities in order to prepare students for a 21st century global economy. Our role is to:

- Reach the "underserved" such as rural and low-performing schools
- Help students accelerate and advance
- Expand and augment existing course offerings
- Address special needs
- Provide access to quality teachers
- Improve workplace and college readiness

## What are the benefits?

The North Carolina Virtual Public School serves middle and high school students who are currently enrolled in a state-funded educational institution in North Carolina. The benefits of enrolling your students in the NCVPS include:

- Augments existing faculty and offerings
- Assists in resolving master scheduling issues
- Delivers anytime, anywhere content
- Provides 21st Century learning environment
- Facilitates lifelong learning skills
- Provides access to quality instructors who are experts in their field
- Aligns with SBE Future Ready goals

## How do we participate?

NCVPS is not degree granting but instead provides courses a student otherwise would not be able to enroll in at the student's local school. Students may take online courses from school, home, community center, or any location with appropriate hardware and Internet connection. The reasons to take an online course through NCVPS are many and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Courses not available locally
- Courses whose sections at the local school are already full
- Students who are home bound or hospital bound due to illness or injury
- Students who already have a full load and wish to take additional courses
- Students whose schedule does not permit taking certain courses during the school day

- Students whose special circumstances cannot be addressed locally
- Students who want to graduate ahead of schedule from school
- Courses may be used as options for suspended students or for those students in need of remediation

Registration dates will be communicated to each school. The school NCVPS advisor will enroll students by visiting the NCVPS web site ([www.ncvps.org](http://www.ncvps.org)). Students will also use the NCVPS web site as a login portal to their online courses. Student enrollment in NCVPS courses requires the approval from the student's school of record. Approval may come from the principal or other designee (distance learning advisor).

### What Else Do I Need to Know?

- Each course must pass a rigorous review process that assures alignment with NC State Board of Education standards, Southern Regional Education Board standards and sound instructional design principles.
- Each district will assure that materials, textbooks and End of Course testing is delivered as needed.
- Each district must assign a Distance Learning Advisor, both at the district and the school level to serve as the main contact for students.
- NCVPS provides access to curriculum and instruction for students enrolled in NCVPS courses. NCVPS teachers, North Carolina certified and working within their areas of concentration, interact continually with students and provide progress reports for your review
- Each district should provide students access to computers with Internet capability when students are taking NCVPS courses on the school campus. Informs students taking NCVPS courses off the school campus about appropriate hardware, software, and Internet requirements.
- Each district will accept course grade as determined by NCVPS and enter credit for successful student completion of NCVPS courses as interpreted by the district or local school.

### Who do I contact?

For more information contact our main offices at **919.513.8550** or visit us online at [www.ncvps.org](http://www.ncvps.org)

