

OCSD Return to School Virtual Academy



DEAR OCEAN CITY FAMILY,

Our students and staff have been first and foremost in our thinking and planning. Our community's safety, health, and welfare are paramount to a successful reopening.

Below you will find information regarding the launch of Ocean City School District's Virtual Academy.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kathleen Taylor
Superintendent of Schools

GOAL OF THE VIRTUAL ACADEMY:

While we strongly believe that face-to-face learning and connection is most beneficial for the vast majority of students, we have streamlined our process and dedicated time to ensuring that the virtual learning experience will be successful for students and families who choose the all virtual learning experience. The goal of the academy program is for students to complete grade level expectations and achieve standard mastery at the pacing set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education.

[Click here for additional information on Ocean City's Virtual Academy.](#)



FULL WEEK LEARNING SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cohort VA	Cohort VA	Remote Facilitation	Cohort VA	Cohort VA



SEPTEMBER				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Staff Training	2 Staff Training	3 Staff Training	4 Staff Training
7 Labor Day School Closed	8 1/2 Day Schedule Cohort VA	9 1/2 Day Schedule Cohort VA	10 1/2 Day Schedule Cohort VA	11 1/2 Day Schedule Cohort VA

*The Parents/Guardians of self-contained special education students, as well as special needs students in need of related services, will be contacted by their child's case manager for their child's school schedule.


STUDENT ENROLLMENT

-  **Who is eligible?**
Any OCSD student is eligible for the Virtual Academy, and it is not necessary to demonstrate any selective health criteria.
-  **How do I enroll?**
Any family who chooses the option to attend the Virtual Academy must complete the application on the OCSD website.


CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

-  **What curriculum will be used?**
The Virtual Academy will align with the OCSD approved curriculum in all content areas.
-  **What will instruction look like?**
Virtual instruction will follow the same schedule as in-person instruction and will be a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous classes.


GRADING & ATTENDANCE

-  **How will my child be graded?**
Assessments will be administered, and grades will be awarded according to OCBOE policy.
- How will attendance be recorded?**
Participation in the online environment will constitute attendance at school.

SPECIAL EDUCATION & 504 ACCOMMODATIONS

-  **Will special education accommodations be made in the Virtual Academy?**
Special education accommodations will be determined by each respective IEP or Section 504 Plan.
- Will related services be provided to virtual students?**
Families of students requiring related services will be contacted by the district regarding how the services will be provided.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

-  **Will my child be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities?**
Students will be eligible to participate in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities.
- Can I switch between virtual and in-person instruction?**
Choosing the Virtual Academy comes with the acknowledgment that students will not be considered for in-person instruction until the end of the first trimester for the OCPS or the end of the first semester for the OCIS and OCHS.
- How do I access the classes?**
PowerSchool is the platform for the entire OCSD. Students will need an appropriate device and a reliable internet connection.