



DID YOU KNOW DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS AN ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL?

Providing all Iowa students the opportunity to get their high school diplomas online at Virtual Campus.

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL CAMPUS

Empowering Students to Thrive in a Virtual World

Virtual Campus is a leading online learning institution that encourages students to learn and achieve while taking ownership of their career paths through online courses. The flexibility of Virtual Campus allows students to fulfill their potential by addressing life's demands or career paths while working on a diploma from Des Moines Public Schools.

WHY CHOOSE VIRTUAL CAMPUS?

Academics

- **Comprehensive Course Offerings:** We offer electives such as Advanced Placement (AP), and dual enrollment options, allowing students to tailor their education to their interests and aspirations at Des Moines's prestigious Central Campus and Central Academy at Des Moines Public Schools.
- **Dedicated Faculty:** Our experienced and certified teachers are committed to providing personalized support and guidance to students, fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment. Our teachers are exceptionally dedicated to the success of students by dedicating their time to meeting students for extended learning.
- **Technology-Enhanced Education:** We embrace technology to enhance the learning experience. Our cutting-edge online platform provides students with interactive tools, multimedia resources, and virtual classrooms, enabling them to actively participate in their education and develop essential digital skills.
- **College & Career Readiness:** Preparing students for their future is a priority at Virtual Campus. Our college and career counseling services assist students in exploring their interests, setting goals, and making informed decisions about their post-secondary education and career pathways.
- **Official Diploma:** All students graduate with an official Iowa- accredited and certified diploma from Virtual Campus.

Flexibility

Our online platform allows students to access their courses anytime, anywhere, providing the flexibility to create a personalized learning schedule that fits their individual needs.

- Synchronous contracts: Most of our students are on a synchronous contract which means they follow the same bell schedule of DMPS brick-and-mortar schools. Students must attend live classes from 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with breaks in between classes and a half hour for lunchtime.
- Asynchronous contracts: Students may qualify for an asynchronous contract which allows students to pace themselves through courses with pre-published online content and recorded lessons. All live lessons are filmed and stored for convenient access.
- Teachers are available virtually and in-person for individualized instruction and small group work.
- Students can set an online appointment with teachers via Microsoft Teams when help is needed. While teachers have office hours, they have been known to take calls nearly anytime, including weekends!

Multi-Level Supports

- We foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment where students can thrive. Our dedicated teachers are readily available to provide guidance, support, and constructive feedback, creating a collaborative atmosphere that encourages academic excellence.
- Beyond academics, we offer a range of virtual and in-person extracurricular activities, clubs, and events that allow students to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and connect with their peers in supportive virtual and in-person communities.
- Students also have access to their home school's social and athletic teams, clubs, and activities.
- Wrap-around services are provided for students and families to ensure support with every barrier inside or outside of school. Examples include tutoring and basic needs.
- Free DART bus pass given with student IDs.
- Wi-fi and laptop computers are provided.
- Textbook and technology fees are only \$70.

VIRTUAL CAMPUS IS A GREAT PLACE TO GET YOUR DIPLOMA IF YOU:

- need a flexible schedule.
- are developing a budding career path. Examples include student athletes and creative talent.
- would benefit from a supportive environment, free from bullying.
- have special health accommodations.

For questions, please visit virtualcampus.dmschools.org or call Virtual Campus at 515-242-8483.

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