

FAQs

Below are answers to our visitors' most frequently asked questions about Virtual Summer School

What do I need to do to succeed in a Virtual Summer School course?

When you take an online course you need to prepare yourself as you would for any course in a classroom setting. The key difference is that your lessons are on a computer. In an online course, time management is critical to success.

How do I know what courses to take?

Your school counselor will tell you what remedial courses you will need to take.

Do you provide us with a computer?

No. Students wishing to take a course must have access to their own computer. Review the computer requirements posted and do the Diagnostics on the Compass Learning web site.

Do we provide support if your computer breaks down?

No, the consortium school districts will not provide support. Problems with courses will be resolved by Compass Learning.

Do I need to purchase textbooks?

No, all course materials are provided online.

What materials are needed in order to take Virtual Summer School courses?

All of the courses offered are taken 100% online. All you need to begin your coursework is Internet access and a computer.

How long do the courses last?

Courses are 4 weeks long and must be completed by July 30, 2010.

Can I accelerate and complete faster?

Yes you can! Students can elect to do extra work during the week, therefore completing the course in less time.

How many courses can a student enroll in during the summer school session?

A student can take up to three courses.

What happens after I register for a Virtual Summer School Course?

Each student will be contacted. You will receive a username and password to access your class. You may work on your class at any time of the day or night between July 4 weekend and July 30.

What is the time needed to complete a course?

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When do courses begin?

Courses begin as early as July 4th weekend, 2010. Once you are contacted, you may begin working in the course.

Can every student proceed at his or her own pace and schedule?

Yes, as long as the student meets the deadlines for assignments, activities, and assessments. This means that the student has the flexibility to access his/her class anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but must meet the pre-determined deadlines for assignments and activities and assessments.

Do students have to take assessments?

Course assessments will be taken after the completion of each unit of study and upon meeting the required level of competency in each unit. If you don't reach the required level you have to go back and complete the unit. We recommend notetaking to assist learning

Do students get actual live teachers?

All of our courses are monitored by certified Instructors. Teachers communicate with students on a regular basis by phone and email.

How can I contact my teacher?

You may contact your assigned teacher by e-mail.

How would you describe the frequency in which your teachers have contact with students (daily, weekly, or whenever needed)?

Teachers will be monitoring progress weekly and respond to students within 24 hours (Monday - Friday).

What do I do now?

You will need to do the computer diagnostic test provided through Compass Learning. If your computer is compatible, then register for the necessary classes. Registration begins May 3, 2010.