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2017-18 SCHOOL PROFILE

NCVA Overview: The NC Virtual Academy (NCVA) is a virtual, tuition-free public school chartered by the State Board of Education through a four year pilot. At this time, we are entering the third year of that pilot and have initiated the renewal process utilized by the Office of Charter Schools. NCVA uses the K12 curriculum to offer a competitive, rigorous, and data-driven program for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

The partner governing board currently exists of 6 members who meet monthly to oversee the school's financial, academic, and operational aspects. The board has 3 committees – finance, academic, and policy – that meet regularly to conduct business related to their areas of expertise on a regular basis.

NCVA has experienced vibrant demand from parents to gain entry to the school. During the state-mandated lottery in April 2017, nearly 2500 applications were submitted for only 360 open slots. We also have a current wait list larger than 700 children

100% of NCVA's teachers are licensed and highly qualified in North Carolina, with 90% residing in State (as mandated by statute). We have tested more than 95% of our students each year as we offer more than double the statutorily required number of testing centers.



NCVA in the News:

- Second Grader Thriving in the Virtual Setting
<http://blog.k12.com/student-success/ncva-second-grader-thrives-with-online-school/#.WcLN3cZrzIV>
- Story of the Thompson Family
 - <http://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/op-ed/article58502503.html>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv5sgXvHbvw&feature=youtu.be>
- WRAL story on NCVA student with anti-bullying campaign
<http://www.wral.com/raleigh-7th-grader-author-launches-anti-bullying-campaign/17009653>

Demographics: For this current school year, NCVA draws students from 107 of the State's 115 LEAs and has served 98 of the State's 100 counties. Both figures are the highest in the short history of our virtual school.

- While the state has capped student enrollment for this year at 2160 across all grade levels.
- Our students primarily originate from public schools (69%) along with these other venues: home school (17%), private school (3%), and not in school (10%).
- For student demographics, we have slightly more females (53%) than males (47%) at NCVA. Ethnically, the breakdown is as follows: Caucasian (63%), African-American (26%), Hispanic (6%), American-Indian (2%), and Asian (2%).
- 14.3% of our students have disabilities and 65% of our students qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch. We also serve students through 504 plans, in McKinney-Vento Homeless situations, and English Language Learners.

Each student has an individualized semester GPA, plus a cumulative GPA calculated from the beginning of ninth grade that includes grades from all classes. AP and dual credit courses are weighted to include an additional 1.0 GPA.

Grades

A	4.0	A	90-100
B	3.0	B	80-89
C	2.0	C	70-79
D	1.0	D	60-69
F	0.0	F	59 and below

our school much more simple: This decision makes transferring students both into and out of schedule model and, as such, uses the Uniform Grading Scale. The NCVA high school program is based upon the block

Grading Scale and Graduation Requirements

Required Courses for NC High School Diploma

SUBJECT	HS DIPLOMA CREDITS	NCIHE ENTRANCE CREDITS*
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3	3
History	4	4
Electives	6	6
PE/Health	1	1
Foreign Language	Not required	2**
Total	22	22

*Requirement for NC Institutions of Higher Education

**The foreign language requirement could be taken as 2 of the 6 required electives.

Class of 2017

- 40 students are on track to be part of the first-ever graduating class for NCVA and graduation is planned for June 8, 2018. One of those students will be eligible to a graduate in December. So far, 11 students applied to a year college and 9 to a community college
- The school's first prom will be held the night before high school graduation.
- NCVA is part of the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society. The school's inaugural induction ceremonies will be held in December 2017.

Purpose of Virtual Schools: Virtual schools exist to serve the students who would better thrive outside the four walls of a traditional classroom. Specific reasons why families choose a virtual education for their child include: escaping bullying, travelling schedules for youth performers, undergoing medical treatment, spending time at home with a terminally ill parent, or wanting to simply exercise public school choice. For many NC families, we are the only public option available to them in their area of residence.

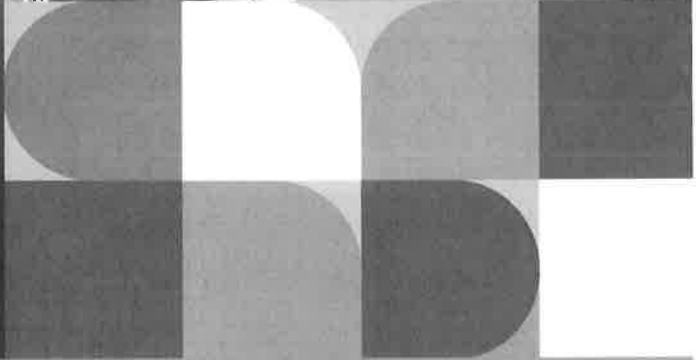
NCVA offers a vibrant Family Academic Support Team (FAST) that works to ensure students are engaged in this virtual model. They work with families to ensure students are following Back on Track plans; and, in extreme situations, work to identify local community resources to meet their needs (e.g. fires in the home, flood damage, etc.).

To help with socialization for families, quarterly outings are hosted in every region and include a wide array of topics: historical tours, fall corn mazes, visiting dairy farms, skating/bowling events, hikes at State parks, or just eating ice cream at local establishments. For students not able to attend, we host virtual outings to include them as well.

Student Academics

- Live class connect sessions are available on a daily basis. Students are required to attend certain sessions based upon the data-driven approach. As students struggle or succeed, they may be asked to attend more or less of these live sessions with teachers.
- For students with disabilities, we offer the full continuum of services including an Occupational Course of Study. We have seen student proficiency increase significantly for our special education students due to our co-teaching model. Eligible as juniors and seniors, are participating in the College and Career Promise dual-enrollment program. We have grown in this areas as shown below:
 - SY1617 – 6 students took 13 courses
 - SY1718 – 15 students are taking 35 courses
- Like any other public school, students can take advantage of Advanced Placement courses. We have also shown growth here:
 - SY1617 – 4 students took 5 courses
 - SY1718 – 10 students are taking 13 courses
- Two-thirds of juniors, on the ACT, met the State minimum requirements for admission into the NC college system.





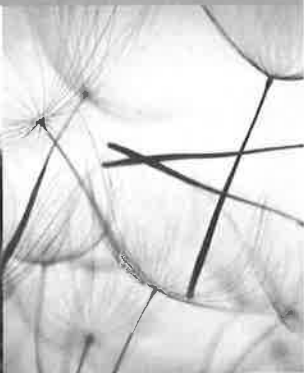
TUITION-FREE
INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING



FULL-TIME
ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NCVA

NORTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL ACADEMY



WHY NCVA?

- Tuition-free, online public charter school
- Individualized Learning Plans for each child
- Award-winning online and hands-on curriculum
- Compelling, high-interest courses that introduce a variety of possible careers
- Passionate, North Carolina-certified teachers
- Opportunities for advanced learners
- Plenty of support for families
- College and career advising



WHEN A CHILD RECEIVES AN INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED EDUCATION, IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT CAN HAPPEN.

As a full-time, tuition-free, online public charter school for grades K-12, North Carolina Virtual Academy (NCVA) lets students learn in the ways that are right for them. Our motto is "every student, every class, every day," and the key is our individualized approach. To that end, we develop a comprehensive learning plan for each child that focuses on his or her unique academic needs, goals, and interests.

With award-winning curriculum from K12—the leader in K-12 online learning—students receive an outstanding education. In grades K-8, students can learn at their own pace. In high school, teens have a wealth of academic choices, including AP® courses. Plus, with instruction from state-certified teachers, support from dedicated parents, and student outings, field trips, and clubs, our online schooling program surrounds your child with the resources he or she needs for success.

Let's partner together to fully develop your child's potential. Please call or visit us online to explore your future at NCVA today.

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Families do not pay tuition for a student to attend an online public school. Common household items and office supplies like printer ink and paper are not provided. Our enrollment consultant can help you address your technology and computer needs.



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