

COLCA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

FAQ

Q. If my student is a current COLCA student, can they be automatically enrolled in the Virtual School?

A. We are working with each family to make sure that Virtual School is a good fit for their student. Please fill out the interest form and schedule an interview.

Q. Do you accept Step-Up scholarships?

A. Step-Up has guaranteed that students may use their scholarship to enroll in distance education for the Fall school semester of 2020. There has not yet been a ruling on eligibility for the Spring semester.

Q. Can my student switch back to traditional classroom learning in the Spring semester?

A. Yes! We ask that you let us know when you register so we can plan their courses similar to our on campus students and reserve them a classroom seat. However, once enrolled in Virtual School, we request that your student remain enrolled in Virtual School for the entire semester. They may switch back in January.

Q. Do you accept McKay scholarships?

A. We are working with the Florida Department of Education to get clarification on this.

Q. What is the tuition?

A. Tuition rates are similar to our traditional school, but please contact us for flexible payment options and scholarships.

Q. Can you accommodate my child's IEP?

A. Our Virtual School program cannot accommodate student's specific IEP's, although our curriculum does have the ability to be read to students if that will help them.

Q. How many online classes can a student take?

A. A. Students may enroll in 3 courses for K5, 4 courses for 1st and 2nd grade, 5 courses in 3rd-5th grade, and up to 6 courses in 6-12th grade. Additional courses are available in 6-12th for an additional registration fee.

Q. Who are the teachers?

A. All teachers of COLCA Virtual are highly qualified and experienced educators. Teachers consist of current COLCA teachers, as well as additional Christian educators who have partnered with us. In addition to the course teachers, all classes will have a COLCA Facilitator to guide the virtual learning.

Q. Can students start a course at any time during the semester?

A. We recommend that students start all their courses at the same time so that their school breaks will coincide with the traditional school calendar. However, we are willing to work with exceptional students on their course load.

Q. Does COLCA provide electronic devices for online students?

A. No. All online students must have their own laptop or computer. Smartphones and ipads are not recommended or supported by the online curriculum

Q. Does COLCA provide technical support?

A. The school cannot provide technical support for personal computers beyond software utilization. The family is responsible for a home internet connection.

Q. What curriculum is taught at COLCA Virtual? Is the quality of the online courses the same as the traditional face-to-face courses?

A. All online courses include similar content and rigor as the traditional courses. Our curriculum platforms are Liberty Online for K-2nd and Ignitia for 3rd-12th.

Q. Can my child work at his/her own pace?

A. Yes. One of the benefits of taking an online course is that students can work at their own pace. They can work slower or faster as needed. They do need to complete the coursework by the end of the semester.

Q. What courses can be taken online?

A. The online program includes a comprehensive listing of core and elective courses. Please contact OnlineEnrollment@colca.tv for specific course questions.

Q. How does my work get graded online?

A. Students submit their work electronically. Teachers review the work and provide feedback. The grading practices are consistent with those established in a traditional school setting.

Q. How will I know if my child is not progressing in their classes?

A. Teachers provide weekly pacing for students. Teachers provide feedback to students enrolled in Virtual School in many of the same ways that they do in a traditional setting, however, most communication is electronic. Parents can log into their parent portal to check their student's progress.

Q. How can students be successful in an online environment?

A. Research shows that students who possess a high level of self motivation and self discipline thrive in online learning environments, but all students can be successful.

Q. What if I don't have a computer or Internet at home to us? Can I still take virtual classes?

A. No. Students are required to have a personal computer with reliable internet to be able to enroll in COLCA Virtual. Please make sure you follow our technical specifications guide.