



*Department of Teaching and Learning*

## **GUIDE TO HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS 2020**

*Mission Statement*

***Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, will empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community.***

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This guide provides students and families with specific information about the courses that are available in summer school. Students and families should review this publication and consult with school counselors and/or teachers to determine which courses may be appropriate. When selecting a course, it is important to remember that all courses offered in Virginia Beach City Public Schools are available on a non-discriminatory basis.

**Students and families should note that courses this summer will be offered online through Virginia Beach Digital Campus.** The courses are dependent on sufficient enrollment and the availability of qualified and appropriately endorsed instructional staff. ***Note: unless otherwise noted, all courses are restricted to students in grades 9 through 12 only. Rising ninth grade students may also attend high school summer school programs.***

*The Code of Student Conduct* will remain in effect during Summer School 2020. *The Code of Student Conduct* outlines the expectation for student behavior. Any students taking courses online through Virginia Beach Digital Campus are expected to adhere to the VBCPS online conduct and *Acceptable Use Policy*. Students who do not follow the *Code of Student Conduct* and *Acceptable Use Policy* may be subject to discipline and possible removal from the course.

Students in online classes are expected to complete 25 hours of course work each week. The courses are not self-paced and have a set schedule of assignments with due dates.

## REGISTRATION

Electronic registration and payment online begins on **June 1, 2020** at 12:00 noon for all summer school courses [http://www.vbschools.com/academic\\_programs/summer\\_school](http://www.vbschools.com/academic_programs/summer_school); registration closes on **June 18, 2020** at 8:00 a.m. Only students whose parents/guardians are residents of Virginia Beach are eligible to attend summer school classes. Students must provide their student identification number at the time of registration.

Registration and payment of fees for summer school courses are to be completed online. Both registration and payment must be completed before leaving the registration website. If not, the student is not enrolled. **Students are not officially registered until payment has been received.**

**Students enrolled in Tidewater Regional Alternative Education Program (TRAEP) will be required to provide a letter from the principal at TRAEP recommending summer school attendance. These students will not be permitted enrollment without the written recommendation of the TRAEP principal. Registration location administrators may also contact the Office of Student Leadership to request verification.**

## ONLINE COURSES

Only students whose parents/guardians are residents of Virginia Beach are eligible to enroll in Virginia Beach Digital Campus summer school classes. On **June 1, 2020** at 12:00 noon, students may begin to register and pay online for online summer school courses using the link provided on the website. Students enrolled in online versions of courses that require an End-of-Course SOL test may be expected to participate in taking the test. Additional information regarding time and location will be provided with guidance from the Virginia Department of Education.

Registration and payment of fees for online summer school courses are to be completed online. Both registration and payment must be completed before leaving the registration website. If not, the student is not enrolled.

### **English as a Second Language (ESL) Intervention**

ESL students who are eligible for ESL intervention will register for the ESL online intervention course through their ESL teacher. This ESL course is offered at no cost to the student. Any ESL student who failed a course should be registered in the retake course rather than the ESL intervention course.

### **Non-VBCPS Students with Virginia Beach Residency**

Only students whose parents/guardians are residents of Virginia Beach are eligible to attend VBCPS summer school classes. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain written permission from the administration of the student's current school to attend summer classes and to have credits earned transferred.

**Eligible non-VBCPS enrollees must present documentation of residency.**

Before an out-of-district student may begin a summer school class, the following documentation will need to be provided to establish residency to Donna Easter via email [dmeaster@vbschools.com](mailto:dmeaster@vbschools.com).

- Certified birth certificate for any student being admitted for the first time to any public school;
- Two proofs of address (examples include: signed lease/mortgage statement, current gas, water, electric bill);
- Proof of legal custody of student if living only temporarily in the household.

## TUITION

Tuition must be paid at the time of registration. Payment must be made immediately online with a credit or debit card. If the parent/guardian is unable to pay online with a credit or debit card, the parent/guardian must register in-person and pay with check or money order at the front desk of Plaza Annex, 641 Carriage Hill Road, Virginia Beach, VA on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Appointments need to be made a day in advance by emailing [dmeaster@vbschools.com](mailto:dmeaster@vbschools.com). Online registration should be completed before making check or cash payment at Plaza Annex. In-person registrations will begin on Monday, June 1, 2020 and continue Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the registration process. Checks should be made payable to Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Outstanding insufficient fund checks for summer school tuition must be paid before the student may attend classes. The receipt must be brought in to complete payment.

## REDUCED TUITION FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Students who have a completed free/reduced meal form on file and have been determined eligible for reduced price or free meals during the regular school year are eligible to receive reduced summer school tuition in all high school summer programs. ***The rates below are discounted for this summer (Summer 2020) based upon the impact of COVID-19. The rates are subject to change for the upcoming years' summer school sessions.***

***NOTE: free/reduced meal applications must be filed at the student's home school by June 12, 2020.***

Tuition Level	Session Course	Year Course
	Session 1: June 23 – July 14 Session 2: July 20 – August 11	June 23 – August 11
Level 1 (full cost meal)	\$65	\$125
Level 2 (reduced cost meal)	No cost	No cost
Level 3 (free meal)	No cost	No cost

## REFUNDS

Requests for refunds must be made by emailing [dmeaster@vbschools.com](mailto:dmeaster@vbschools.com) BEFORE the first day of class. Teachers are hired for summer school based on student enrollment. **No refunds** will be honored after the first day of class.

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The high school summer programs provide credit courses for high school students to accelerate their program of study or to repeat courses not successfully completed during the regular school year. Students enrolling in a credit bearing course for the first time must complete a two-session summer program equal to one year of instruction in the regular school term to receive full credit. Students repeating a course they have previously failed may earn credit by completing a one-session summer course.

Virginia Beach Digital Campus online courses are taught in the two-session summer format for first time takers. Virginia Beach Digital Campus online repeat courses are one session each. All course offerings are dependent upon sufficient enrollment and the availability of suitable certified and endorsed instructors.

All VBCPS students who are taking a summer school course and are required to take the associated end-of-course (EOC) SOL test may be expected to participate in taking the SOL test during summer school, unless the student has already passed the test. **Students must be enrolled in Virginia Beach City Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year before testing begins.** All SOL tests except writing require one day of testing. Students who are scheduled to graduate by August 28, 2020 and are taking the SOL EOC writing test require four days of testing. Students scheduled to graduate after August 28, 2020 and are taking the SOL EOC Writing test require two days of testing.

**Dates: June 23 – August 11**

**Session 1: June 23 – July 15**

**Session 2: July 20 – August 11**

**Exams:**

**July 15 – final exam (session 1 courses)**

**August 11 – final exam (session 2 and yearlong courses)**

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER COURSE OFFERINGS

### COURSE OFFERINGS FOR FIRST-TIME/NEW COURSE TAKERS

All courses are one year (two sessions) in length.

Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Term	Dates
Online Astronomy	1	SCO260-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Biology	1	SCO310-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Earth Science	1	SCO210-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Oceanography	1	SCO250-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Environmental Science	1	SCO320-001	Year	June 23 - August 11
Online English 9	1	LAO130-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online English 10	1	LAO140-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online English 11	1	LAO150-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online English 12	1	LAO160-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Health and PE 9	1	PEO730-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Health and PE 10	1	PEO740-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online VA/US Government	1	SOO440-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online VA/US History	1	SOO360-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online World Geography	1	SOO216-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Economics and Personal Finance	1	BEO130-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Algebra 1	1	MAO130-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Algebra 2/Trigonometry	1	MAO137-001	Year	June 23 – August 11
Online Geometry	1	MAO143-001	Year	June 23 – August 11

**Note: course offerings are planned subject to sufficient enrollment and acquisition of certified personnel.**

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS REPEATING A FAILED COURSE

All courses for students repeating a failed course are one session in length except for Online Algebra, Functions, and Data Analysis Credit Recovery (Online AFDA Credit Recovery).

Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Term	Dates
Online English 9	1	LAO132	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online English 10	1	LAO142	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online English 11	1	LAO152	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online English 12	1	LAO162	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Algebra 1 Series Part 1	.5	MAO216	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Algebra 1 Series Part 2	.5	MAO218	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Algebra 1	1	MAO132	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Algebra 2	1	MAO135	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Algebra 2/Trig	1	MAO138	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Geometry Series Part 1	.5	MAO221	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Geometry Series Part 2	.5	MAO223	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Geometry	1	MAO145	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online AFDA Credit Recovery	1	MAP136	Year	June 23-August 11
Online Biology	1	SCO312	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Earth Science	1	SCO212	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Environmental Science	1	SCO322	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online Oceanography	1	SCO252	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online VA/US Government	1	SOO442	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11
Online VA/US History	1	SOO362	Session	June 23-July 15/July 20-August 11

**Note:** Course offerings are planned subject to sufficient enrollment and acquisition of certified personnel.

**Note:** Students taking a session course will be placed in one of the two sessions based on enrollment and available personnel.

# FAQ for VBDC Courses

## ***How will I know what to do in my VBDC online course?***

You will receive an email at the beginning of your course with information to teach you how to "navigate" the system. All your assignments are listed in a checklist, and there is a course calendar that tells you when each assignment is due. You will also be able to email and call your teacher when you need assistance. The big difference in an online course is that the student must take responsibility for planning work time, keeping up-to-date with assignments, and reaching out to the teacher before any small need becomes a difficult problem.

## ***Will I have a textbook in the VBDC online course?***

There is no textbook. Ideas and information are presented in the online course platform. You use the online materials to complete the assignments and create the products required for the course.

## ***How is the teacher important in my online course?***

A teacher is essential in an online course! Our course delivery software allows teachers and students to communicate with each other using email within the safety of the closed course platform. Our teachers are necessary to the design and delivery of online learning, and any student who takes an online course in Virginia Beach Digital Campus operates under the guidance of an experienced professional instructor. In fact, students have commented that their online teachers are able to get to know them well and care deeply about their success.

## ***How is the VBDC course delivered on a computer?***

VBDC courses are delivered using a Learning Management System called *Brightspace*. To be successful in an online class, you need access to a computer and a high-speed internet connection. You follow links to course content that take you to written material, videos, interactivities like timelines and presentations, and assessments. You "turn in" assignments on time using a Dropbox that's built into the system and share ideas with other students in discussions that are part of the course requirements.

***How do I know if my computer is powerful enough for me to take an online course?***

At the VBDC portal <https://vbschools.desire2learn.com/> check your computer system using the test link in red for a **System Check**.

***Is it possible to take an online course using a Smartphone or an iPad or other tablet device?***

No, phones and tablets do not have adequate processing speed, display, and memory to run our enriched curriculum.

***In addition to the computer hardware and internet access that need to be provided, are there any other required materials?***

Some science courses have experiments you need to do at home, using only commonly found materials.

***How will VBCPS provide orientation to online courses for the students?***

You will receive an email that includes instructions for logging into your course. Within the course, you will find videos providing information about how to operate in the online environment and your first course module will be an Online Orientation. You will also meet your teacher in a welcome video that provides essential details about the course.

***How can the teacher tell if the student is doing the coursework?***

In Virginia Beach Digital Campus courses, there is a high level of interaction between teacher and student. Through telephone conversations, emails, oral assessments, and other communications, the teacher becomes familiar with each student's patterns of thinking and expression. The teacher can also tell when the student is logged in to the course and how much time is spent doing each task. Parents can also monitor student progress by logging into the course and examining student work.

***Will my teacher be available for live or synchronous virtual meetings?***

Teachers will arrange for optional virtual tutorial meetings.



***Who is eligible to take Online Health and Physical Education (HPE) Grades 9 and 10 during summer school?***

All rising ninth-grade students are eligible to take online HPE 9 and rising tenth-grade students are eligible to take online HPE 10. Certain academy students are ineligible. Please contact your academy before registering for an online summer school course.

***How does a student meet the physical requirements for the Online Health and PE class?***

During summer school Online Health and PE classes, students will be required to participate in an activity of their choice for a minimum of five hours per week; approximately one hour per day. An adult will sign a log for verification.

***Is there a set schedule of face-to-face meetings for HPE courses?***

Due to the health and safety precautions necessary at this time, face-to-face meetings will not take place.

The Online HPE 10 course requires a proctored final assessment. The teacher will provide more information about how the test will be proctored in a safe environment.

***Is it possible to take an online course if the student is traveling during summer as long as there is continuous internet access?***

Since this is an online course, students who have reliable access to an adequate computer and a high-speed internet connection should be able to travel while taking the course. However, our experience has shown that online students who plan to be away during parts of the course sometimes have difficulty successfully completing their work by their required due dates. Even if the intent is to continue working in the course while away, unexpected technical issues or changing motivation can affect the likelihood of success. Virginia Beach Digital Campus courses are not structured so that the student can "work ahead" before extended absences or "catch up" after returning. All of our online courses have weekly deadlines and interactions among classmates. Teachers are not required to structure individual course calendars to accommodate vacations and extended student commitments.

***What types of activities qualify for the physical education portion of the class?***

In general, any activity that raises your heart rate is acceptable. You'll be able to choose your activity as long as you can continue for an hour at a time.

**How will student grades be determined in Online HPE courses?**

Completion and demonstration of content attainment of the online health component and successful participation in the individualized physical education portion of the class will each count 50 percent of the overall grade. Students will be responsible for a final assessment.



Aaron C. Spence, Ed.D  
Superintendent

Kipp Rogers, Ph.D  
Chief Academic Officer  
Department of Teaching and Learning

Alveta J. Green, Ed.D  
Executive Director  
Office of Student Support Services

Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

Virginia Beach City Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation/gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, disability, marital status, age, genetic information or veteran status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. School Board policies and regulations (including but not limited to, [Policies 2-33](#), [4-4](#), [4-6](#), [4-43](#), [5-7](#), [5-19](#), [5-20](#), [5-44](#), [6-7](#), [7-48](#), [7-49](#), [7-57](#) and Regulations [4-4.1](#), [4-4.2](#), [5-44.1](#), [7-11.1](#), [7-17.1](#) and [7-57.1](#)) provide equal access to courses, programs, counseling services, physical education and athletic, vocational education, instructional materials, and extracurricular activities.

To seek resolution of grievances resulting from alleged discrimination or to report violations of these policies, please contact the Title VI/Title IX Coordinator/Director of Student Leadership at 757.263.2020, 1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451 (for student complaints) or the Section 504/ADA Coordinator/Chief Human Resources Officer at 757.263.1133, 2512 George Mason Drive, Municipal Center, Building 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456 (for employees or other citizens). Concerns about the application of [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act](#) should be addressed to the Director of Student Services at 757.263.1980, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456 or the Section 504 Coordinator at the student's school. For students who are eligible or suspected of being eligible for special education or related services under IDEA, please contact the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at 757.263.2400, Laskin Road Annex, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23451.

Alternative formats of this publication which may include taped, Braille, or large print materials are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Write the Summer School Office, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or call 757-263-6856.

No part of this publication may be produced or shared in any form without giving specific credit to Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

May 2020