



# PAULDING VIRTUAL ACADEMY

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Information for Parents & Students - 2021-2022 School Year

The Paulding County School District is excited to announce a new online learning opportunity for elementary school students: The Paulding Virtual Academy: a 100 percent virtual online school. The academic expectations and rigor will mirror face-to-face instruction, and virtual students will have a full school day Monday-Friday. Students will be required to participate in virtual class sessions and utilize an online platform for their daily/weekly assignments and submission of completed work.

Over the past four years, PCSD has operated a successful online program under the name of Paulding Virtual Academy. This blended program with students attending NHEC and working from home was by application only and had a limited number of students. PVA has compiled a successful track record of working with students in grades 6 - 12. The lessons and best practices learned at PVA are being expanded to provide students at the districted schools a similar experience. The changes in PVA for high school will enable students in grades 9 - 12 to work from home. Student enrollment in the high school online program is conditionally based on the students' appropriate attendance in the program and continued satisfactory academic progress in the program.

Prior to each school year through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, an online registration form will be issued to parents/guardians during an announced window of time. Parents/guardians must register students for PVA during the window to allow schools, teachers, and the district to plan appropriately for the following school year. Please note that parents selecting PVA for their student during the window are committing to virtual instruction for a full school year.

### The Paulding Virtual Academy program will provide students the following:

- A completely online program facilitated by Paulding County School District teachers;
- Live video conferencing and online classes to be completed at home;
- Opportunities for participation in live tutoring and supportive instruction;
- Access to supportive instruction such as ESOL, ESEP, etc.;
- Encouragement and monitoring to complete assignments as scheduled;
- Parent/teacher communication regarding each student's progress;
- Student grading that is consistent with the Paulding County School District's grading policies. Students/Parents will be able to utilize the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to view and monitor student academic progress;
- The ability to participate in home high school (your normal districted high school) activities which may include clubs, sports programs, proms, graduation, and other after school activities;
- Pacing Guides outlining the class requirements due each week.

### Paulding Virtual Academy requirements:

- Enrollment in the program for a minimum of one school year;
- Internet access and appropriate technology device per student enrolled in PVA;
- Parent/Guardian Commitment: A supervising adult for PVA students must ensure that students are online in their courses and is responsible for ensuring that the student attends each live video conferencing session, behaves appropriately, and completes independent work;
- Daily Schedule Commitment: PVA students are required to login each day. Live sessions are recorded.
- **REQUIRED**: Updated phone numbers and e-mail addresses in IC, a working Parent Portal account, and a working paired Canvas account.

### Paulding Virtual Academy student responsibilities:

- Login and participation in all live instruction;
- Fulfill daily/weekly pacing guide expectations;
- Communicate with teachers through e-mail and video conferences;
- Participate in activities as required by the districted school and PCSD;
- Some courses require students to be on a PCSD campus for proctored assessments.