






NNPS Virtual CONNECTION

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A comprehensive online learning program for students in kindergarten through 8th grade in Newport News

-  Are you a Newport News family with a kindergarten through 8th grade child currently enrolled or seeking enrollment in our school division?
-  Would you like your child to be taught the Virginia Standards of Learning curriculum at no cost to you?
-  Do online courses taught by fully-certified Virginia teachers appeal to you as a learning option for your child?

The NNPS Virtual Connection program gives students living in Newport News the opportunity to take elementary school or middle school courses online from the convenience of their own homes. Students in the Virtual Connection program will have access to a wide range of core and elective courses taught by fully-certified Virginia teachers.

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE NNPS VIRTUAL CONNECTION?

- All curriculum and materials are designed to match the Virginia Standards of Learning used in all Virginia public schools
- Students can access a wide range of electives not currently available in traditional NNPS classrooms
- Students can work from the convenience of their own homes
- There is no cost to families to participate
- Successful completion of a grade level prepares (but does not require) students to transition to traditional in-school NNPS enrollment for subsequent grade levels
- Students take full course loads online
- Courses are taught by fully-certified Virginia teachers
- Teachers maintain “office hours” and frequently conduct scheduled phone-based outreach
- Live tutoring assistance is available for students by phone or online 8 am - 8 pm weekdays
- Families have online access to monitor student grades, progress, curriculum, and teacher/student contact logs
- Students will take classes at scheduled times during the week and at their own convenience
- Students have the option to join after-school clubs and activities (at their zoned school) and eighth grade students may tryout for Junior Varsity sports

HOW DO ONLINE COURSES WORK IN THE NNPS VIRTUAL CONNECTION ENVIRONMENT?

Students use a web browser on a computer with a broadband Internet connection to visit a secure website. The website gives them access to courses and teachers specific to their customized course load for the year. Course content comes in the form of text, videos, audio, discussion boards, interactive activities, and more. Fully-certified Virginia teachers interact with students through live video, phone calls, and online chat. The teachers deliver content, monitor student progress, deliver assessments, contact students regularly, and maintain frequent “office hours” to provide additional help. Additionally, hands-on instruction is delivered by the parent or guardian using the curriculum, educational materials, and instructions provided at no cost. Tutors are available to students from 8 am to 8 pm on weekdays. Students and parents can stay up-to-date on grades, assignment progress, and teacher-student contacts at any time using the website. Courses are not self-paced – they occur during the same time as traditionally-taught courses in NNPS. Students must also take any SOL test associated with a given course.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE NNPS VIRTUAL CONNECTION?

All students participating in the NNPS Virtual Connection program must:

- be of age to enter kindergarten through 8th grade
- be a current resident of the City of Newport News
- enroll with Newport News Public Schools
- maintain regular and convenient access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection
- fully participate in coursework and maintain satisfactory grades

Please note:

- *A computer with broadband internet access is required.*
- *NNPS will not provide computers or Internet access.*
- *Students must work at home; NNPS computer labs will not be available for Virtual Connection use.*

Questions?

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The NNPS Virtual Connection elementary school curriculum is designed to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and mathematics-essential for success in all academic pursuits. In addition, the curriculum focuses on foundational science, social studies, technology, art, and physical fitness skills. NNPS engages young students further by offering a wide selection of electives. Students can learn a foreign language (or even American Sign Language) and explore music, literature, and more.



- Language Arts A
- Math K
- Science K
- Social Studies K
- Art K
- Physical Education K
- Educational Technology and Online Learning K



- Language Arts 1
- Math 1
- Science 1
- Social Studies 1
- Art 1
- Physical Education 1
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 1



- Language Arts 2
- Math 2
- Science 2
- Social Studies 2
- Art 2
- Physical Education 2
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 2



- Language Arts 3*
- Math 3*
- Science 3*
- Social Studies 3
- Art 3
- Physical Education 3
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 3



- Language Arts 4*
- Math 4*
- Science 4*
- Social Studies 4
- Art 4
- Physical Education 4
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 4



- Language Arts 5*
- Math 5*
- Science 5*
- Social Studies 5
- Art 5
- Physical Education 5
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 5

Additional K - 5 Electives

- Elementary Chinese I, II (3-5)
- Elementary Spanish I, II (3-5)
- Elementary Sign Language
- Exploratory Spanish (K)
- Gifted & Talented Literature Study (companion to G&T Language Arts)
- Experiencing Music I, II (K-2)
- Discovering Music I (3-5)
- Discovering Music II (4-5)
- Home Life (3-5)
- WebQuest (4-5)

* Gifted and Talented course version available

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The NNPS Virtual Connection aims to balance core academic coursework with art classes that stimulate creativity, and physical education classes that promote healthy living through fitness and proper nutrition. The middle school curriculum offers further variety with a wide range of electives. Students can study music, a foreign language, and more.

6th Grade

- Language Arts 6*
- Math 6*
- Algebra Readiness
- Science 6*
- Social Studies 6
- Art 6
- Health and Physical Education 6
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 6

7th Grade

- Language Arts 7*
- Math 7*
- Algebra Readiness
- Algebra 1
- Science 7*
- Social Studies 7
- Art 7
- Health and Physical Education 7
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 7

8th Grade

- Language Arts 8*
- Math 8*
- Algebra Readiness
- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Science 8*
- Social Studies 8
- Art 8
- Health and Physical Education 8
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 8

Additional Middle School Electives

- Digital Arts I
- Home Life
- Middle Chinese I, II
- Middle Spanish I, II
- Exploring Music I (6-8)
- Exploring Music I (7-8)
- Gifted & Talented Science Companion
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Sign Language
- WebQuest
- Business Keyboarding
- Gifted & Talented Literature Study (companion to G&T Language Arts)

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WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

Interested families should contact:

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A customized course load will be collaboratively developed for the student. Enrollment will be held from June 9th through August 4th and coursework will begin in early September. A registration packet for students not currently enrolled in NNPS will be available online beginning June 9th.

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