

DCF Virtual Academy

Referrals for students in grades 7-12 are being accepted on a part-time basis.

Access our website for a Virtual Academy application:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/USD2/Home#VA>

The Virtual Academy's accredited program allows both middle and high school students the ability to complete coursework virtually. Online courses are assigned in tandem with the students' full-time local education agency (LEA) as to ensure continuity with their district's expectations and graduation requirements.

*Individualized and Flexible Ways
for Students to Learn and Succeed!*



Each day there are over 2,000 DCF Youth in Care attending schools across Connecticut.

According to 2019 SBAC data with over 700 students assessed, less than 22% reached a proficiency level in Reading and less than 13% reached a proficiency level in Math.



As of June 2021, the Virtual Academy has assisted students in earning credits which resulted in 86 students earning their high school diplomas and graduating.



*"We must be creative to
change the results."*

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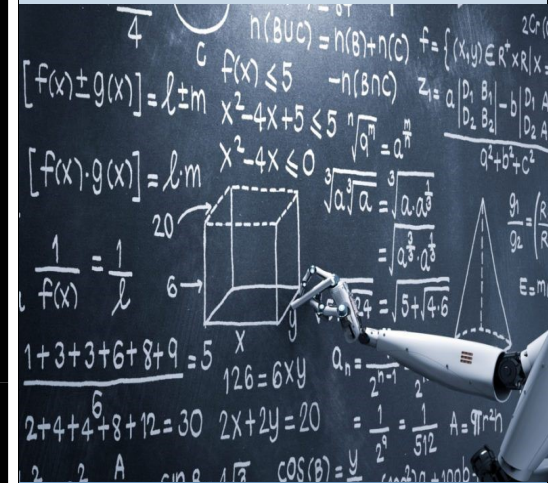
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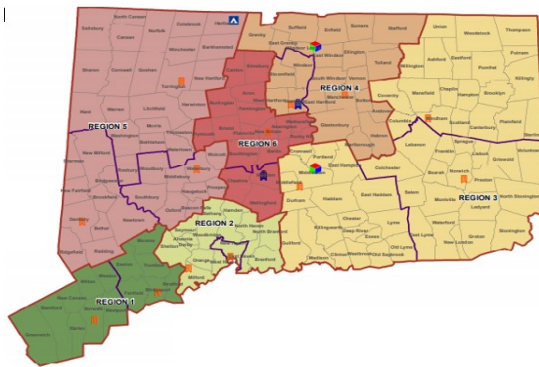
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***Innovative
Strategies
to Reach Youth***





Regional Locations and Certified Teachers

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Region 6 - Meriden/New Britain
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Virtual Academy Goals



- Personalized and individualized academic plans.
- Students will have access to Math and Reading remediation classes.
- Students will have access to online core content area classes in English & Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies which are aligned to the CT Common Core and Standards.
- Students will have access to elective, test prep, career and technical electives, and social & emotional learning courses.
- Students who are on a diploma track will fulfill the state requirements for graduation.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in the understanding and application of skills and concepts.

Youth Support

- Access to Regional certified teachers
- Online educational access - 24/7
- Summer school opportunities

Virtual Academy Students Have Online Access To:

Credit Recovery:

As Virtual Academy is competency based, students will take prescriptive exams to assess missing standards. This will maximize time on task regaining previously lost credits.

Initial Credit:

Students who would like the ability to earn initial credit with the Virtual Academy are able to do so. The Virtual Academy offers a full selection of courses aligned to the CT standards in all subject areas.

Remediation:

Each student will be administered a placement assessment upon enrollment and be aligned, as necessary, to Reading or Math remediation classes.

Elective Courses:

Virtual Academy offers a complete course catalog of electives aligned to state and national standards. Including Career and Technical electives (CTE), as well as, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) courses.