

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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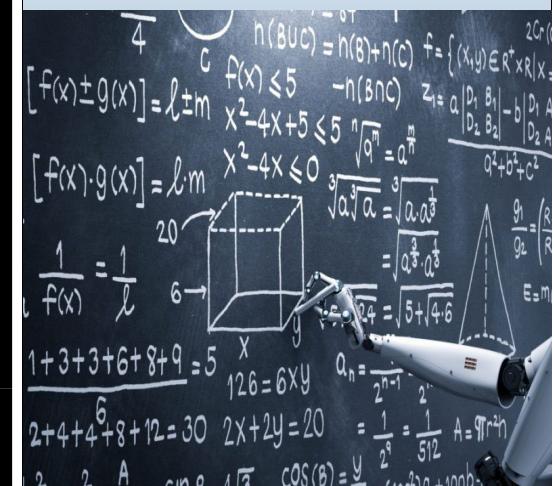
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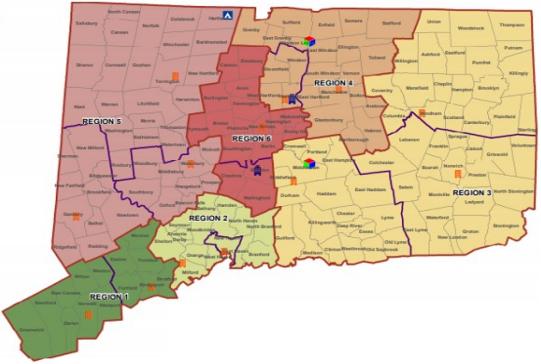
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Innovative Strategies to Reach Youth





Regional Locations and Certified Teachers

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Region 3 - Middletown/Norwich/Windham
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Region 5 - Torrington/Waterbury/Danbury
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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.