



# Virtual Learning Classrooms

**“The program has provided our students with opportunities to take rigorous courses that we don’t offer in our building and helped to fill gaps due to staffing shortages.”**

**-NYC Principal**

## WHAT WE DO

Virtual Learning Classrooms (VLC) offers virtual learning opportunities to students in middle and high school grades across the city. To provide increased equity and access to courses, the program offers schools the opportunity to enroll students in classes that are not currently offered at their school, including world languages, Advanced Placement classes, and electives, as well as classes geared toward the FRNYC career connected instruction course sequence.

The live, virtual classes are taught synchronously by centrally hired teachers.

## HOW IT WORKS

During the day, students from multiple schools with similar bell schedules are enrolled in a class. There are also synchronous classes available at nontraditional times of day. Using Zoom and iLearn, students interact with the teacher and other students as they participate in rigorous and engaging classes.

## EXPECTATIONS

- In general, during traditional school hours, students are expected to join classes from their home schools and are supervised and supported by home school staff. The staff supervising students is responsible for taking attendance, troubleshooting technology, providing in person student support, and regularly communicating with the virtual teacher.
- If students are enrolled in a school that is running an approved NYCPs virtual learning program (i.e. School Based Virtual Learning) or if students are participating in classes held at nontraditional times, they may take VLC classes remotely. In those cases, a school liaison will need to be identified to support students and communicate with the virtual teacher.
- All students are required to have access to a computer and headset with a microphone to participate in virtual classes. If any students are participating in classes from remote locations, the school should verify student internet access.
- Schools need to program students thoughtfully. Students should opt into a virtual class, enjoy online learning, and be prepared for the academic rigor of advanced courses.
- Per New York State regulations, parents must opt into virtual learning.

## TEACHERS

The virtual teachers are highly trained teachers that enjoy virtual teaching. They use a variety of edtech tools and strategies to connect with students and ensure an engaging learning environment. Virtual teachers are certified content-experts and the teachers of record. They are supervised centrally.



## IF YOU ARE:

- A school interested in enrolling students
- A teacher interested in teaching
- Or just want more information

Email

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## BENEFITS

- Students have access to high interest, rigorous classes that they otherwise would not be able to take in-person.
- High school students can earn college credits and middle school students can earn high school credits.
- Students can earn advanced diplomas and qualify for the New York State Seal of Biliteracy.
- Schools can increase course variety and offer specialized courses.
- Schools can use virtual classes to recruit and retain students.
- Virtual classes can help with school space constraints.
- VLC prepares students for virtual work and college environments.

## COST

For school year 25-26, participating schools will need to pay the following fees to offer Virtual Learning Classroom courses:

- Annual course student fee:
  - \$1000 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
  - \$2750 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
  - \$4125 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
  - \$5500 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
  - \$7500 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (class cannot exceed contractual class size rules)
- Semester course student fee:
  - \$500 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
  - \$1375 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
  - \$2060 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
  - \$2750 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
  - \$3750 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (class cannot exceed contractual class size rules)
- Annual course student fee for the following course only: **Spanish Year 1**
  - \$1400 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
  - \$3500 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
  - \$5250 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
  - \$7000 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
  - \$10,500 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (class cannot exceed contractual class size rules)
- Semester course student fee for the following course only: **Health**
  - \$700 to enroll up to 4 students in a class section
  - \$1750 to enroll between 5 and 10 students in a class section
  - \$2625 to enroll between 11 and 15 students in a class section
  - \$3500 to enroll between 16 and 20 students in a class section
  - \$5250 to enroll over 20 students in a class section (class cannot exceed contractual class size rules)

*Since 2019, schools partnering with Virtual Learning Classrooms have increased the number of AP courses offered by over 650%. Thousands more students have taken Advanced Placement classes through VLC.*

*For over six years, schools across all five boroughs have had the opportunity to offer engaging, interesting virtual classes to students including Forensics, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, Film Studies, AP African American Studies, AP Seminar, and many more.*

*The thousands of students that have taken a virtual class in middle or high school are better prepared for college and the workplace by learning postsecondary and professional skills in addition to learning the content of the course.*

**Want to learn more? Email [vlc@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:vlc@schools.nyc.gov)**