



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Key

Elementary	Middle	High School	All

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<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
What is P-CCS Virtual Academy?	P-CCS Virtual Academy is an online option for students. P-CCS teachers will design and lead the instruction for all grades in the program, using P-CCS curriculum in grades K-12.

Is there a fee associated with P-CCS Virtual Academy?	No, this program is part of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.
When is the window for parents to enroll in P-CCS Virtual Academy?	The District's communication department will inform all P-CCS families in a timely manner, allowing parents and students to make an informed decision. Non-resident students interested in the VA must fill out the schools of choice application and submit it before the deadline, and the counseling department will then assist families in registering for the VA.
Will students still be enrolled in P-CCS if they choose P-CCS Virtual Academy?	Yes. The P-CCS Virtual Academy is a program offered by the district. All students are P-CCS students and remain attached to a home school building.
Is P-CCS Virtual Academy available to students with special needs?	Yes. Depending on your student's IEP accommodations, we would work to tailor the learning experience to meet your student's needs. To discuss your student's needs with us, please contact the VA office, and we can put you in touch with our special education team or complete the commitment form. We will contact you to review your student's IEP, 504, or EL learning plan.
What does a P-CCS Virtual Academy school day look like?	In the P-CCS Virtual Academy, students have the opportunity to engage in both synchronous and asynchronous activities.

	Students will have some flexibility to work at their own pace over the course of the day, depending upon family needs. Consistent daily schedules will include online instruction through a combination of live and recorded sessions. In addition, there will be device-free breaks and flexible times for students to meet virtually in smaller groups built into the schedule.
What is synchronous learning?	Synchronous learning is live online instruction, taking place via Zoom, live discussion board, or other real-time venues. Students will have scheduled synchronous learning available to them approximately three hours per day.
What is asynchronous learning?	Asynchronous learning involves self-guided lessons to be completed by the student, with adult assistance where applicable. Students should plan to do asynchronous learning for approximately three hours per day. Completion is a mandatory part of the program
Will P-CCS Virtual Academy be offered for Young 5s or the Early Childhood programs?	The P-CCS Virtual Academy option is only available for students in grades 9-12.
Will students who choose P-CCS Virtual Academy be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as marching band, athletics, etc.?	Yes, students will be able to participate in extracurricular activities. Students and parents, however, are responsible for transportation.
If a student is enrolled in P-CCS Virtual Academy, will he or she still be a part of his or her home school? For example, if a Plymouth student chooses P-CCS Virtual Academy, will he or she still remain a Plymouth Wildcat?	Yes. The P-CCS Virtual Academy enrollment tracks with the home school, so P-CCS Virtual Academy students would remain enrolled with their home school, but are coded in the system as "virtual."

<p>Will the P-CCS Virtual Academy program have traditional letter grades or a pass/fail grading system?</p>	<p>Standard Based grading will be used at the elementary level and traditional letters grades will be issued at the secondary level.</p>
<p>Will my child be able to participate in IB, STEM, Arts, or Business Academy?</p>	<p>No, these programs are only offered with in-person learning.</p>
<p>Will Advanced Placement classes be offered through P-CCS Virtual Academy?</p>	<p>Yes. AP courses are available to students attending P-CCS Virtual Academy. If the AP course that is requested does not have enough students enrolled to offer the course through the P-CCS Virtual Academy model, we may still offer it for students. In these cases, students may need to enroll in an online course with a teacher provided by one of our collaborative partners versus a course led by a P-CCS teacher.</p>