



2017

SC Education and Business Summit



South Carolina Department of Education

Office of Virtual Education

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Our Mission

- To provide South Carolina students with **flexible** and **rigorous** online learning opportunities that will help them acquire the knowledge, skills and characteristics necessary for college and career readiness.



What is VirtualSC?

- Supplemental program that offers courses for high school credit to students in grades 7-12.
 - **Free-of-charge.**
 - Not a school and does not issue credit or diplomas.
 - No limit to the number of courses per student.
 - Students must be enrolled in grades 7-12 in a South Carolina public, private, homeschool or adult education program.
 - Enrollment is based on a first-come, first served basis with priority enrollment for Juniors and Seniors.



What content areas does VirtualSC offer?

- CATE
 - Business Education
 - Health Sciences
 - Family and Consumer Sciences
- *****7891 enrollments in 2015-2016***
- English
- Fine Arts
 - Visual
- Music
- Mathematics
- PE/Health
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Languages
 - Latin
 - Spanish
 - German



Students with Accommodations

- VirtualSC is an option for students, including those with disabilities, provided an online course is an appropriate instructional delivery method for the individual student.
- VirtualSC collaborates with the student's sponsor school to make sure that accommodations are met.
- Copies of a student's IEP/504 should be uploaded prior to the first day of class.



Upcoming Fall Dates and Deadlines

- **Registration Dates:**
 - August 16-Sept 1 for students in grades 11-12th
 - August 23-Sept 1 for students in grades 7-10th
- **Classes Begin:**
 - September 6, 2017 and will be open for access at 8:00 a.m.
 - Courses are available 24/7
- *Courses offered during this registration period will follow either a semester (14-week) calendar or a yearlong calendar.*
- **Last Day to Withdraw from Course:**
 - September 19, 2017
- **Last Day of Class:**
 - December 3, 2017
- **Final Exams**
 - December 6-8, 2017
- **Dates and Deadlines**
 - <https://virtualsc.org/dates/>



NEW Fast Track Sessions

- 8-week courses – end on the same dates as semester long courses.
- Offered during fall and spring semesters
- **Fall 2017 Fast Track** registration opens:
 - September 20 (Grades 11-12)
 - September 27 (Grades 7-12)
- **Fall 2017 Fast Track** registration closes – October 4
- Available courses:
 - Computer Applications
 - Family Life Education
 - Health Science 1
 - Keyboarding
 - Medical Terminology
 - Personal Health
 - Physical Education 1
 - Psychology



VirtualSC Updates – Summer 2017

- Summer Session began on June 7th, 2017
- **More than 14,000 course enrollments**
- Summer Session ends on August 2nd, 2017
- Final Exams
 - July 31-August 2, 2017
- Final Grades Posted
 - August 7th, 2017



Credit Recovery

- Students must Master (successfully complete) a CR course before a grade can be issued.
 - This is the policy for any CR courses during this school year (2016-17), but in the next school year we will move to non-numerical grading (Mastered/Not-Mastered) for CR courses to better reflect the changes in the newest version of the UGP (Uniform Grading Policy).
- Grade of 60% will be issued upon mastery of the CR course.



Virtual Learning Solutions for Schools

- VirtualSC offers schools in South Carolina custom solutions to help you meet the needs of your diverse student population.
- Some of the Virtual Learning Solutions that we provide to schools are:
 - Elementary Keyboarding
 - Skills Recovery Courses
 - Test Preparation
 - Virtual Learning Labs (VLLs)
 - Franchise Program



Elementary Keyboarding

- Supports keyboarding instruction in grades K-6 through TypingMaster.
- Provides students the necessary resources for independent learning and practice of the alphanumeric keys.
- Personalized and customized for each student.
- Offered free to school districts.
- Contact: Sharon Dublin – swdublin@ed.sc.gov



EdReady Skills Recovery Courses

- Online support for students in ELA and math.
- Free to middle and high schools.
- Standards aligned, mastery based, and personalized based upon each student's current skill level.
- Students navigate through skills recovery resources at their own pace, or at the pace defined by their school.
- VirtualSC will provide the following:
 - Free online curricula
 - Administrative support for troubleshooting
 - **Free** training for your school's teachers and staff

Contact: Sharon Dublin– SWDublin@ed.sc.gov



Test Preparation

- Shmoop
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - National college entrance exams
 - Explore/ACT
 - PSAT/SAT
- Offered free-of charge.
- Contact:
 - Sharon Dublin, SWDublin@ed.sc.gov
<http://virtualsc.org/myvsc/test-prep/>



Additional Options for Schools/Districts

- **Virtual Learning Labs (VLLs)**

- Provide an interactive, engaging online course solution to a South Carolina middle or high school.
- Offers innovative learning solutions to your school, including the ability to introduce new courses, fix scheduling conflicts, and to provide your students courses that may not otherwise be offered to them due to staffing issues or financial hardship.
- \$3,500 per section, per semester and there is a minimum number of students 20.
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- **Virtual Learning Labs (VLLs)**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57h2IQeGbVs>
 - Dacusville Middle School (Easley, SC)
 - Utilized our Virtual Learning Labs with robots to provide Keyboarding instruction to middle school students.



Additional Options for Schools/Districts

- **Franchise**

- A learning solution for districts/schools
- Flexibility
- Use VirtualSC's South Carolina standards-aligned online courses, student information system, and Learning Management System.
- \$100 per seat license (for active users at a given time) per contract year
- Contact: Courtney Howard- cphoward@ed.sc.gov



Who do I contact for VirtualSC information?

- Student Services Team
- Sarah Rotureau, Student Services Manager
 - Student Services Coordinators- (803) 734-8039
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Who do I contact for VirtualSC information?

- VSC School Counselor
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 - Accommodations, NCAA, EOC Testing, etc.





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