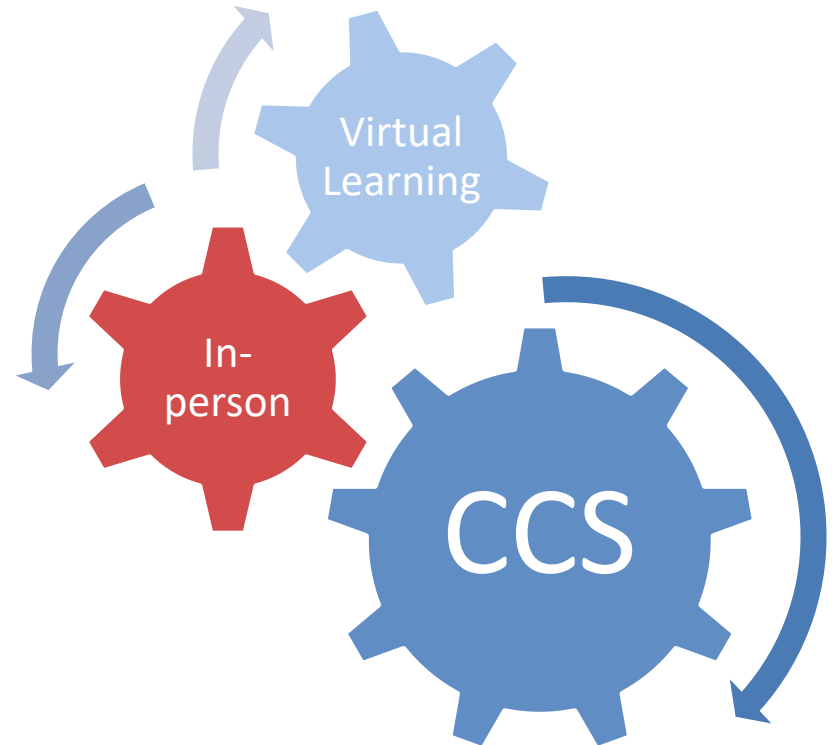




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Families of students at Clay County Middle School and Clay County High School have a variety of educational options, including in-person and virtual school. In alignment with guidance from the West Virginia Department of Education, virtual school is only available for students in grades six through twelve.





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Definitions

Remote Learning/Distance Learning – is used when schools are closed due to inclement weather, virus outbreak, etc. Students are enrolled in the in-person school and move to remote learning only when schools are closed.

Virtual Learning – is an Independent study course aligned to WV College and Career Readiness Standards with online instructional support offered by the Clay County Schools virtual learning coordinator via email and scheduled appointments. Learning takes place solely online. All curriculum, activities, etc. occur in the online platform.

Virtual Learning Coordinator/Facilitator – is a licensed educator who is employed by Clay County Schools to manage the day-to-day oversight of the virtual school and serves as a liaison between the provider, school of record, and the virtual student/parent/guardian.

Home School – students are not enrolled in Clay County Schools. Curriculum and instruction are the responsibilities of the parent/guardian.



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How does Virtual Learning work?

Students are enrolled in online independent study courses aligned to the College and Career Readiness Standards for West Virginia. Students have direct access to the Clay County Schools Virtual Learning Coordinator via email and scheduled appointments.

A local virtual school coordinator employed by Clay County Schools monitors student progress and is the local point of contact to assist students with specific class/content related questions, assignments, etc.



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Can I also take on campus classes?

Virtual Learning offers full-time, part-time, and blended options.

- Full-time virtual students enroll for the full instructional day and complete required courses comparable to the traditional course load for students at their programmatic level and complete required courses for a Clay County High School diploma.
- Part-time status is generally reserved for students who are enrolled in Clay County Schools to supplement their home school education as they are not seeking a CCHS diploma. Part-time students take less than the number of courses comparable to a traditional course load.
- Blended learning status is for students who take part of their course work online and part of their course work on campus at Clay County High School. Blended students are responsible for transportation to and from campus, and they are ONLY permitted on campus during scheduled courses.

Is tutoring available?

Clay County Schools Afterschool Program offers in-person tutoring at the local school for courses currently taught at the local school as determined by the local school administration.



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Are all courses offered?

Most courses are offered online. High school students should note that not all Advanced Placement or Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses may be available, and dual credit courses for college credit are NOT offered online. Students who take AP courses online are still responsible for AP exam fees and may be responsible for additional costs such as AP textbooks, AP preparation books/guides, etc.

Can virtual students graduate from Clay County High School?

Virtual high school students are considered CCHS students and will earn a Clay County High School diploma upon the completion of graduation requirements. Virtual students who complete the required credits for graduation are eligible for participation in all CCHS graduation activities.



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Can virtual students participate in sports, band, dances, etc.?

Students who are enrolled at least part-time are eligible to participate in sports, band, and other extra-curricular activities and events. All WVSSAC rules apply, including a 2.0 grade point average to participate in WVSSAC sanctioned activities. It is the student's responsibility to stay abreast of opportunities and to meet timelines for participation.

What if my student has an IEP or 504?

Students who have an IEP or 504 can generally be accommodated online, but not all special education accommodations are applicable or practical for virtual learning. A special education team, consisting of a special education teacher, the parents/guardians, and the student will meet to discuss the best educational environment for the student.



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Can I drop an online course and transition back to traditional school?

Students may drop an online course and transition to in-person learning (or vice versa) within five days without grade penalty by contacting the building administrator and the virtual school coordinator.

If a student withdraws from a virtual class after five days into the semester and enrolls in the same course at the school, then the grade the student had online will be transferred to the in-person teacher with whom he/she is enrolled.

If the student withdraws from a virtual class after five days into the semester and does not enroll in the same course at their school, the student will receive a grade of Withdraw Failing.



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How do I apply for virtual school?

Families can apply for virtual school during the application window of **July 1 - August 22**. The online application will be available on the Clay County Schools website at

<https://forms.office.com/r/PU0f9k44w7?origin=lprLink>

When will virtual classes begin?

Virtual classes will begin on Friday, August 23, 2024.

What if I have more questions?

The virtual school coordinator, Mary Ann Triplett, is available to answer questions by e-mail at matriple@k12.wv.us.