



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) Online Courses

Mission

Our mission is to utilize new and emerging technologies to provide students a pathway to achieve success within a 21st century learning environment. Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) will provide high-quality, standards-driven curriculum that is able to accommodate students' varying physical locations while providing flexible time frames and course pacing.

Description of an Online Course

Online courses offered by RVA are web-based, which means the educational program is accessible from anywhere there is internet access. Lesson content is provided online and assignments may be submitted electronically. Some of the courses may have hard copy texts or may allow or utilize print assignments. Students are expected to pace their coursework according to the duration of the course, and adhere to deadlines and due dates, just as they would in the traditional classroom setting. Each course has a Wisconsin DPI-certified teacher who works directly with the students to facilitate their learning and evaluate their efforts.

RVeSchool Eligibility and Enrollment

All RVA enrollments are contingent upon space being available. Students in the River Valley School District in grades 6-12 may request enrollment in RVA courses and all potential enrollments will be reviewed and approved by the RVA team. RVA offers continuous or rolling enrollments, but it is recommended that enrollment is completed at least two weeks prior to the start of a semester. Students registering under rolling enrollment may be limited in their access to certain courses. RVA courses are typically 16-18 weeks in length and are offered as semester courses.

Middle School

River Valley Middle School students interested in RVA enrollment may take courses based on the approval of the River Valley Middle School RVA team, but the RVA courses taken during the middle school years cannot count towards high school credit. Students interested in pursuing online high school courses via RVA may be allowed to take online coursework during the summer session immediately following the completion of eighth grade with the approval of the high school RVA team.

High School

Students at River Valley High School may take online courses if the following conditions are met:

1. Students need to be a Junior or Senior.
2. The selected course must not be comparable to a course already offered face-to-face at RVHS.
3. Students must be in good academic standing in all classes and approval can be rescinded based on current academic performance.

4. Students should have taken preparatory classes offered at RVHS prior to taking an advanced level course.
5. The course must be consistent with post high school career or educational pursuits as defined in the student's individual Academic and Career plan.
6. If a student receives a failing grade, reimbursement to the district for the cost of the course is expected by the family.

Special consideration for enrollment will be allotted for students with significant life obstacles, including: adjudicated or incarcerated youth; teen parents; homebound students; students with physical, mental or emotional difficulties; voluntarily withdrawn or expelled students; self-supporting youth; transient students; students in treatment programs; or other special circumstances which may require District Administrator approval.

Any policy or handbook provision in the district that is inconsistent with this policy, this policy will prevail.

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy # 341.3 Exhibit – Online Learning Contract
 Policy #345.5 Graduation Requirements
 Policy #743 Acceptable Use of Networked Computers, Electronic Mail, and
 Internet Safety Policy

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