

# Wisconsin Virtual Learning A Virtual Charter School

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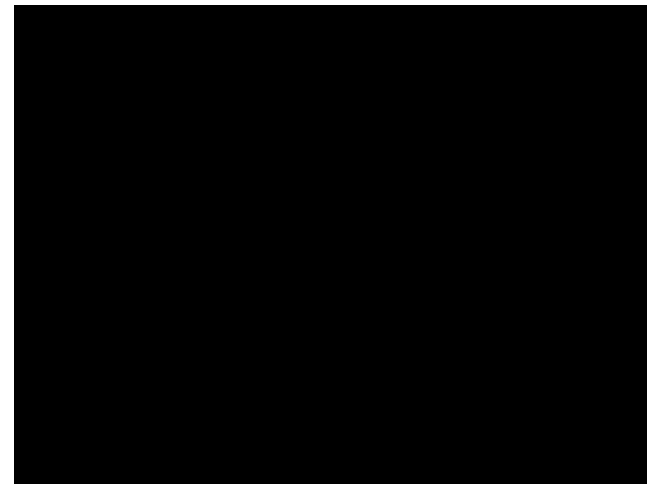
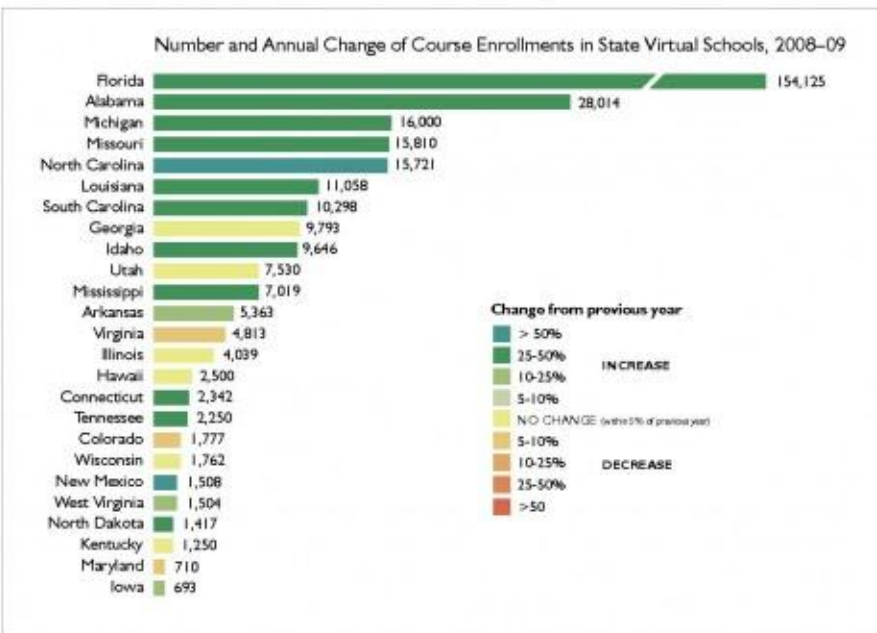
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# Virtual Schools

- The virtual school environment is growing at a steady rate as more and more students are choosing to abandon the traditional school environment for the flexibility of the virtual school.
- Most Virtual Schools are charter schools and are connected to state and traditional districts to ensure that they meet the state and federal education requirements.
- Virtual Schools offer opportunities that are not available for students in the traditional setting. Especially students who want to work at their own pace or have other limitations that prevent them from attending traditional schools. They also provide students opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities without hurting their studies.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-43Yf67L9w>

# Background

Wisconsin Virtual Learning (WVL) is a K4 to12 public virtual charter school. It is staffed with fully certified and experienced Wisconsin teachers. They have been in existence since 2003. They boast of having a track record of eight years of student success.



<http://www.wisconsinvl.net/education/staff/staff.php?sectiondetailid=164&>

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**WVL Student Named National Merit Finalist**  
Michael Dieffenbach, a senior at WVL, has been named as a finalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Competition! Michael scored a perfect 36 on the ACT.

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# School Mission

Wisconsin Virtual Learning Schools mission is to provide each student with an individualized, effective, and high-tech education. Their student-centered approach allows their school to mold and fit the needs of each individual student. Each new student meets with a learning advocate to determine which courses, curriculum, and pathway will best match their needs.

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## Choose Our School

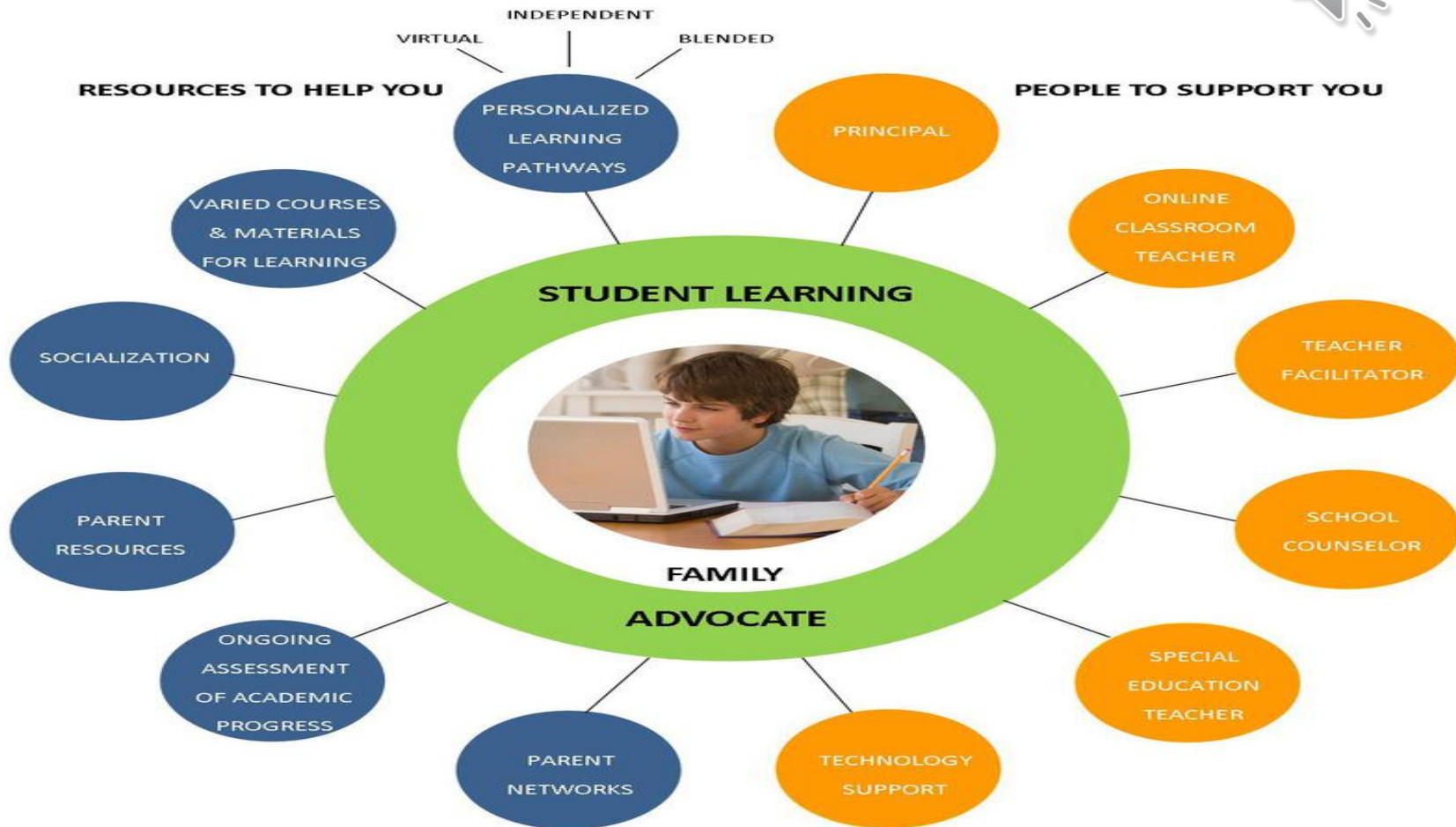
WVL is a statewide and national leader in virtual education. As a public charter school in the Northern Ozaukee School District, our goal is to be both high-touch and high tech in order to personalize student learning for each and every one of our students. We serve 4K-12th grade students across the state of Wisconsin.



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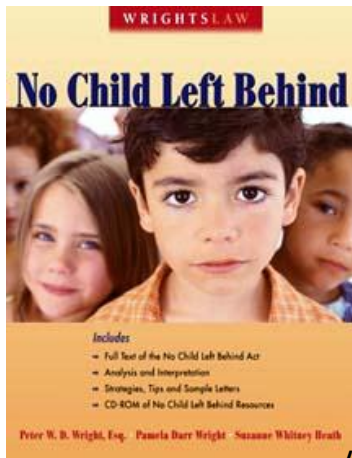
# Organizational Structure Student Centered

**Wisconsin Virtual Learning**  
**Service, Support & Innovative Learning**



# Regulatory Environment

Wisconsin Virtual Learning A Virtual Charter School is aligned with Wisconsin learning objectives and competency goals. All courses meet both state and national standards including WAA - Wisconsin Alternate Assessment, and WKCE - Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations. The school employs Wisconsin content-specific certified teachers, specifically trained to meet their rigorous Internet-based teaching pedagogy and students enjoy quality, one-on-one communication with the teacher. The AP courses follow the national AP guidelines for distance education. WKCE for [Reading](#), [Mathematics](#), [Science](#), [Language Arts](#), [Social Studies](#)



<http://www.wrightslaw.com/nclb/>



<http://carlanderson.blogspot.com/2011/04/wordle-fun.html>



# Scope of Offerings



Wisconsin Virtual Learning offers K4-12 courses. The course offerings exist in partnership with the following institutions:

- [Florida Virtual School \(Grades 9-12\)](#)
- [Lincoln Interactive \(Grades 3-12\)](#)
- [Little Lincoln \(Grades 4K-2\)](#)
- [Aventa Learning \(Grades 9-12\)](#)
- [Calvert School \(Grades K-8\)](#)
- [Curriculum & Instruction Documents](#)
- [2011-12 MS Course Offerings](#)
- [WVL Stem Academy](#)



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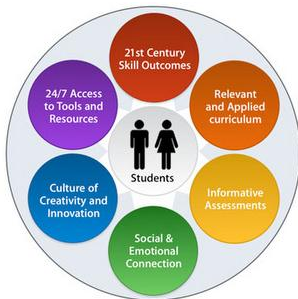
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These providers offer programs in different time allotments ranging from 45-90 minutes. These classes and programs are offered using a sessions utilizing many different delivery methods. The average student receives approximately 30 hours of instruction per week. (Wisconsin Virtual learning, 2012). In addition to course offerings, extra curricular activities, sports, virtual field trips are also offered.



# Courses are offered in the following Areas

- English, Science, Social Sciences, Spanish ,Physical Education & Health
- Elective Course Offerings
- Business and World Languages
- Full range of AP and IB programs
- For a complete listing and description of courses and requirements go to:
- [2011-2012 Wisconsin Virtual Learning K4 – 12 Curriculum & Course Guide](#)



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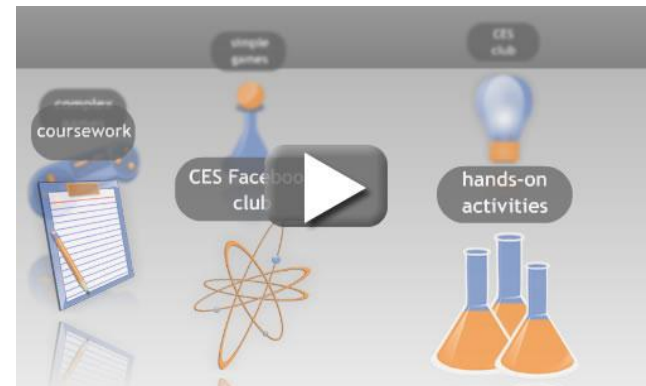


# Program of Instruction Delivery Methods

- Multimedia
- podcasting
- Web-based scheduling interface
- Video-conferencing
- Video Network Services (VNS) [includes:  
Interactive Video Conferencing (IVC),
- Wimba
- Streaming Video
- Online course offerings



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtkO8wT9lho&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtkO8wT9lho&feature=player_embedded)



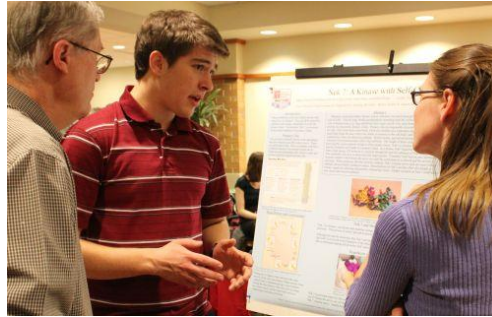
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# Student Body

## Student Body

Many students at WVL chose to attend a Virtual School so that they have the flexibility to explore acting, singing, music or competitive sports. The individualized learning approach empowers students to do their best not only in the classroom but in their other activities as demonstrated by the select group of students on the right.

### WVL Student Named Finalist in National Merit Scholarship Competition



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### WVL Student Excels in State School Music Festival



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### National Honor Society Induction



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### WVL Student, Kithara Vogel, awarded Honorable Mention in the Adventure Write Contest for the Second Year in a Row



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# Evaluations of Effectiveness

## 10th Grade

### Math

#### WAA - Wisconsin Alternate Assessment, WCKE - Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations

Percentage of students testing at proficient or better:



### Reading

#### WAA - Wisconsin Alternate Assessment, WCKE - Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations

Percentage of students testing at proficient or better:



### Science

#### WAA - Wisconsin Alternate Assessment, WCKE - Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations

Percentage of students testing at proficient or better:



### Writing

#### WAA - Wisconsin Alternate Assessment, WCKE - Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations

Percentage of students testing at proficient or better:



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## Wisconsin Virtual Learning

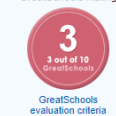
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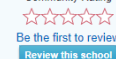


Fredonia's Wisconsin Virtual Learning is a public school that serves grades PK-12 in the Northern Ozaukee School District. Based on its state test results, it has received a GreatSchools Rating of 3 out of 10.

Ratings and reviews from school community members help tell the story about Wisconsin Virtual Learning. [Share your review!](#)

Learn more about this school's teachers and students.

#### Community Rating



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# Effectiveness Continued

## Parents

Specific information is available for parental support but it was password protected. Each family will be assigned a Student Learning Advocate (SLA). This individual will serve as the families' personal advocate during their time with WVU. They will monitor student progress and represent them and help to resolve any issues that arise. According to Executive Director, Melissa Horn " Parents have a vital role at WVU as well. As our partners in education, parents serve as their child's Learning Coach. In this role, parents work closely with their child's teacher. They are a vital member of our team".

Wisconsin's Premier Virtual School



# Technology and Tech Support



Don Bierschbach (2012)

Students receive a notebook computer, printer, and, if necessary, a wireless router/access point to provide wireless access through the family's Internet connection. Students/families are responsible for the computer equipment and must comply with the Technology Acceptable Use Policy. The computer may only be used for online learning, virtual classes, and other school uses. The computers are not to be used for private purposes

(<http://www.wisconsinvl.net/education/components/faq/faq.php?sectiondetailid=154>). Students and parents have a numerous avenues available for tech support including but not limited to the following:

## *Help Videos*

[WVL - Properly Handling Computer Equipment](#)    [WVL - Wireless Router Setup](#)

[WVL - How to Use the Scanner on your Printer](#)    [WVL - Setting Up your Computer Workstation](#)

## *Help Documents*

[WVL - Security Essentials \[Anti-Virus\] Maintenance](#)    [WVL - Attaching Documents \(NOSD E-mail & Angel LMS\)](#)

[WVL - Saving Files in Angel LMS](#)    [WVL - Creating Folders to Organize School Documents](#)

[WVL - Can't Get into Lincoln Interactive \(Cookies Disabled\)](#)    [WVL - Required Computer Software](#)

[Brick & Mortar - Video Playback Issues \(Full Screen\)](#)

# In Summary

- Wisconsin virtual learning is a well rounded fully capable public virtual school that serves a very diversified and multi-ethnic student body.
- The sheer number of courses and opportunities available ensure that most students will be able to succeed whether they attend full time or engage in a blended learning program.
- Wisconsin Virtual School offers a first rate curriculum that is challenging, manageable, achievable while still meeting all state, and federal learning standards and is therefore highly accredited.



# Summary Continued

- WVL has many different systems in place to encourage, support, and hold students accountable for their own learning. There also a wide variety of extra-curricular activities available as well as social and informal get-togethers for both students and parents.
- WVL through their various partnerships integrates many types of technology and media into lessons in order to prepare students and staff to be responsible 21<sup>st</sup> century digital learners.
- For more information, go to <http://www.wisconsinvl.net/education/district/district.php?sectionid=1>





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