

VLA PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

The Virtual Learning Academy is an online program. It is not home instruction or home-bound tutoring. It works best with students who are self-motivated and driven; and whose parents keep up with their child's work. The VLA does not take the place of a classroom and/or a teacher.

1. **State Testing is mandatory.** All students **must** take the appropriate test (Ohio Graduation Tests or Ohio Achievement Tests) at the Maple Heights school he/she should attend. Testing takes place in October and March. **In the event you are not contacted** about the OGT/OAT, please call the school in September and February to make arrangements for testing with the Principal and/or Guidance Department. Please be clear about times, dates, and arrangements for dropping off and picking up your child before and after testing.

Exact testing dates are as follow:

- ◆ October 7 – Grade 3 Reading Achievement Testing, Rockside Elementary
 - ◆ October 20-24 – Ohio Graduation Testing, High School (Grade 11 and 12)
 - ◆ March 16-20 – Ohio Graduation Testing, High School (Grades 10 through 12)
 - ◆ April 20-May 8 – Ohio Achievement Testing, Elementary Schools and Middle School (Grades 3 through 8)
2. Students will not graduate, pass or be promoted if work is not finished!
 3. **No tutoring is provided.** This program is totally online. All correspondence with teachers should be online.
 4. **Senior grades are due on or before May 22, 2009.** All work **must** be completed at this time in order to graduate in June.
 5. We provide a computer lab center for students to use if necessary. However, there is no tutor or teacher there to work with them. The district does not provide transportation to and from the center. The hours that the center is available are: 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Monday thru Friday. The address is: 20536 Southgate Park Blvd. The phone number is: 663-0126.
 6. Some classes require that you purchase books used in the course. For example, middle school English requires three paperback books. (Sometimes they are available at the library, but you can also get them at Borders or Barnes and Noble.)
 7. Information needed to log on is: User Name and Password. Please call the Personnel Office and/or Ms. Michalak (587-6100 x 3600) for this information. **User Names and Passwords MUST be kept confidential.** Students who share passwords will NOT receive credit for their classes.
 8. The website for the VLA is: www.virtuallearningacademy.net