

# Jenkintown Virtual Academy

<p>What is the Jenkintown Virtual Academy?</p>	<p>The Jenkintown Virtual Academy provides digital access to the Jenkintown curriculum, taught by Jenkintown teachers. Lessons are delivered through classroom cameras, which capture the teacher in the front of the classroom if we are in a Green or Yellow (hybrid model) phase of school opening. If we are in a Red phase of school opening, lessons are delivered through Google Classroom for grades 3-12 and Seesaw <a href="https://web.seesaw.me/seesaw-for-schools">https://web.seesaw.me/seesaw-for-schools</a> for grades K-2. Students can access direct instruction and still receive the high quality Jenkintown instruction they are accustomed to receiving.</p>
<p>When would my child be expected to log on and complete assignments?</p>	<p>K-6 - Classroom teachers will host daily class meetings and provide live instruction. Students are able to join these sessions as they are being taught/facilitated or access them at a later time when it is more convenient. We recognize that parents have varied work schedules and it is important to provide flexibility so parents can be available to assist students if needed.</p> <p>Students will not need to log on during lunches or independent work sessions.</p> <p>7-12 - Students will be logging into live classroom sessions provided by their classroom teachers during the normal school hours. For example, if a student has math period 1 (8:10 - 8:52), the student will log into direct instruction from 8:10 - 8:52 AM. Based upon the activity of the day, this 42 minute block will include live direct instruction, opportunities for individual practice and/or participation in classroom discussions from a virtual location. Please note that attendance will be taken and recorded for each class period. ** Students will not be required to log in during scheduled study halls or lunch hours. This will be a time for screen breaks. In addition, there may be special area classes or specific days in which the student will be completing outside assignments without needing to log into a live session. These will be determined and communicated by each instructor.</p>
<p>What technology will be used?</p>	<p>Students are issued a District chromebook to access lessons. Classroom cameras will be used to capture live instruction when we are in a Green or Yellow Phase of opening. Teachers are provided computers with cameras and additional monitors to deliver lessons from their homes if we move to a Red Phase of opening. Regardless, students will be able to access live instruction 5 days a week.</p>

<p>Will instruction be delivered synchronously or asynchronously?</p>	<p>K-6 Students can follow lessons synchronously; however, lessons will also be recorded so that they can be watched at a later time. It is important for students to access daily lessons and complete assignments each day either synchronously or asynchronously so that they do not fall behind.</p> <p>7-12 Students will be expected to log on during each class period to interact live with their classroom teachers. There may be cases where part of the class period will be allocated to completing asynchronous assignments. Again, attendance will be taken each class period.</p>
<p>How does the Jenkintown Virtual Academy differ from in person instruction?</p>	<p>Lesson content will be the same. Students will receive direct instruction from Jenkintown teachers and learning will occur at the same pace as their peers. Should a virtual student want to transition to in person instruction, (if we are in an allowable opening phase) the transition would be smooth due to the continuity and pacing of the virtual instruction.</p>
<p>How does the Jenkintown Virtual Academy differ from cyber charter schools?</p>	<p>The Jenkintown Virtual Academy will include the exact course content and pacing of the courses being taught live at our schools. It will provide for seamless transition back into the brick and mortar model should families make that decision later in the school year. It will allow for students to continue engaging with their Jenkintown peers and educators even while learning in the remote environment. As many students in Jenkintown get to know their teachers on a very close basis, this will aid in the comfort level of engaging in communication throughout the school year.</p> <p>Cyber Charter schools primarily operate in strictly an asynchronous environment. Their program is not aligned with the instructional program provided in Jenkintown schools. They do not have a strong reputation of offering a high quality education. There is a high cost to the district, which takes money away from public education and the opportunities we can provide to our students. It costs our district \$17,007 for one general education cyber student and \$36,904 for one special education cyber student. This cost could be crippling for our district.</p>
<p>Will my child have direct access to their teacher?</p>	<p>K-6- Students will be able to interact with the teacher during live instructional sessions. Additional time will be allocated for smaller Google Meet sessions for more individualized instruction. Students and parents will be able to interact with teachers via email.</p> <p>7-12 Yes, teachers will be available to students during class periods, via email, and through Google Meets. Teachers will create protocols that work best for their classroom with regards to the best way/timing for students to ask questions when in the virtual location.</p>

How will my child be graded?	K-12 - Students will receive grades based upon the same grading scale as other students and this will be based upon the completion of synchronous and asynchronous assignments and various types of assessments.
What curriculum will my child follow?	K-12 - Will follow the state approved curriculum of each course offered at Jenkintown.
Will my child be allowed to participate in co-curricular activities?	Students in the Jenkintown Virtual Academy can participate in all offered co-curricular activities.
How will attendance be taken and monitored?	K-6- Participation in the live session or completion and submission of assigned work or activities will serve as documentation of attendance.  7-12 - Please note that attendance will be taken and recorded for each class period
Will my child be responsible for participating in special area classes?	Children are expected to participate in special area classes that are scheduled synchronously or asynchronously.