

# FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

## Home of the Wolves

“Empowering each student to find success within a safe, supportive, and flexible environment.”

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**School Website:** <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/va>

### Building Enrollment and Class Size (September 2023) \*

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
0	1	1	2	2	3	4	5	7	5	26	21	25	102

\*It should be noted that enrollment in Virtual Academy is flexible and changes on a regular basis due to the transient nature of this program. The current enrollment represents over a 400% increase in enrollment compared to the start of the 2022-23 school year.

**School History:** Fargo Public Schools Virtual Academy is an excellent example of collaboration and innovation in response to meeting the needs of students. Virtual Academy was created in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Although students were able to return to school in the fall of 2020, it was recognized that many students and families still desired to have a virtual learning option available. As numbers of students participating in Virtual Academy continued to grow, Fargo Public Schools made the decision to continue Virtual Academy as an option for those students and families in need. Virtual Academy was recognized as its own school in the fall of 2021 utilizing curriculum approved through the North Dakota Center for Distance Education (NDCDE) for elective credits and Edgenuity for core classes (English, math, science, and social studies.) Teachers from within the district worked to align these classes with our standards.

By the spring of 2023, the number of students enrolled in Virtual Academy had grown to more than 200 students. Virtual Academy had its first graduates with 19 seniors receiving diplomas. Enrollment data supported the need for full-time staff. For the 2023-24 school year, Virtual Academy has 4 full-time and 2 part-time teachers and continues to utilize the ND Center for Distance Education for fulfilling elective credits. Virtual Academy also offers students Advanced Placement (AP) classes as well as opportunities to earn dual credit through a partnership with North Dakota State College of Science.

### Demographic Information

Caucasian:	66%	SPED:	16%
Black:	11%	504:	7%
Asian:	8%	F/R Lunch:	38%
Hispanic:	8%	EL:	7%
American Indian:	7%		

### Grading Scale

A = 90-100%
B = 89-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 0 -59%

Transcripts will display both weighted and unweighted cumulative GPA.

Virtual Academy does not rank students. Classes with S/U grading are not included in GPA calculation.

### Faculty Profile

Average Years of Teaching Experience: 18 years

Percentage of Teachers with Graduate Degrees: 87%

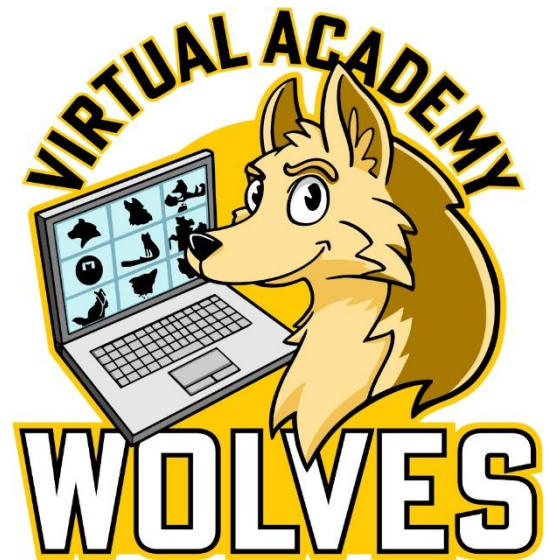
## Class of 2024 Graduation Requirements

Required Courses	Credits
<b>English</b>	4
<b>Math</b> Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Conclusion (1) Geometry or Informal Geometry (1) Other Math Credit (1)	3
<b>Science</b> Physical Science (1) Biology (1) Other Science Credit (1)	3
<b>Social Studies</b> Western Civilization or AP European History (1) US History or AP US History (1) Government or AP Government (½) Economics or AP Economics (½)	3
<b>Physical Education</b> PE 1 (½) PE 2 (½) Other Physical Education Elective (½)	1 ½
<b>Health</b>	½
<b>World Language, Fine Arts, Career or Tech Ed.</b>	3
<b>Electives</b>	6
<b><i>Minimum Credits Required for Graduation</i></b>	24

### Plans after Graduation (Class of 2023)

4-year college: 34%  
Vocational or 2-year college: 44%  
Work: 18%  
Military: 1%

**Average ACT Score (2023):** 17.1



\*Students must also pass a Civics exam prior to graduation

### Elective Course Offerings

Elective courses are offered through a partnership with North Dakota Center for Distance Education, which has courses available in the areas of: Aerospace, Agriculture, Art, Business Education, Computer Education, English, Family and Consumer Science, Health Sciences, Math, Music, Physical Education & Health, Science, Social Studies, Technical Education, and World Languages. K-5 students also use the NDCDE for their core classes.

### AP Course Offerings

Biology, Calculus AB, English Lang & Comp, English Lit & Comp, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Statistics, US Govt & Politics, US History, World History

### Dual Credit Opportunities

Virtual Academy partners with the North Dakota State College of Science to be able to offer dual credit courses through their online college program.

**Athletics/Clubs/Activities:** Students enrolled in Virtual Academy can participate in any sport, activity or club offered in the building that coincides with their attendance area.