

Welcome to James River High School Rising 9th Grade 2024-2025 Registration



Who's Who at James River High School

- Dr. Taylor, Principal
 - Ms. April Easton, Asst. Principal
 - Front Office
 - Roxie Thacker, Front Office Secretary
 - Elizabeth Hix, Bookkeeper
 - Amanda Aaron, Attendance Clerk
 - Chase Davidson, Athletic Director
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Meet the Counseling Department

Counselors

- Mr. Humphries
9-11th: A – K
12th: A – H
- Mrs. Simmons
9-11th: L – Z
12th: I – Z
- Ms. Alphin: Secretary



Student Assistance & Prevention Program

- Ms. Manaytay: SAP Counselor
- @ JR Monday – Wednesday

What Is JRHS Like?



- 4 X 4 Block Schedule
 - 4 Classes Semester 1
 - 4 New Classes Semester 2
 - Total of 8 credits earned a year
 - Each Block = 1 credit
 - BTEC classes that are 2 credits = 2 blocks in a student schedule.
 - Lunch is based on 2nd block class
 - Students will be assigned a locker with other 9th grade students.
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9th Grade Schedule

1. Math
2. Science
3. English 9
4. History
5. Health/PE 9

Possible Foreign Language for AS Diploma

You will pick either 2 or 3 electives

Review of Graduation Requirements



3 Types of Diplomas:

- Standard
 - Advanced Studies
 - Applied Studies
 - *IEP*
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STANDARD DIPLOMA

DISCIPLINE AREA	UNITS OF CREDIT	VERIFIED CREDITS
ENGLISH	4	2
MATH	3	1
SCIENCE	3	1
HISTORY	3	1
HEALTH & PE	2	
Fine Art or CTE or World Lang	2	
Economics and Finance	1	
Electives / Student Choice	8	
TOTAL	26	5

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

DISCIPLINE AREA	UNITS OF CREDIT	VERIFIED CREDITS
ENGLISH	4	2
MATH	4	1
SCIENCE	4	1
HISTORY	4	1
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3 (or 2+2)	
HEALTH & PE	2	
Fine Art or CTE	1	
Economics & Finance	1	
Electives/Student Selected	5	
TOTAL	28	5

VERIFIED CREDITS

- ▶ Completes the requirements to pass the course
- ▶ AND passes the SOL test for that course.

English	History/Social Sciences	Mathematics	Science
Reading Grade 11	World History & Geography I	Algebra 1	Earth Science
Writing Portfolio Assessment	World History & Geography II	Geometry	Biology**
	Virginia & US History	Algebra II	Chemistry

***Every student is required to take the Biology SOL*

Additional Requirements

- All students must complete a sequential elective.
 - Example: Art 1 + Art 2
 - Vet Tech Class = Vet Tech 1 & Vet Tech 2
 - Students need either an Advanced Studies, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment Course OR a CTE Credential
 - W!SE test in Economics and Personal Finance
 - Workplace Readiness Test
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Reminder!

Advanced Studies Diploma does NOT require a student to take Advanced Classes.

The only exception is World History 2 AS.

Registration Process

- October 24 - Informational Meetings
 - November 20 - Tour JRHS
 - November 28 & 29** - Current 8th graders complete registration with JRHS Counselors at CAMS
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**Changes to course requests
must be made by June 1,
2024.**

Enrollment and Schedule Changes

- Classes will only be offered if a significant number of students enroll
 - Schedule changes must be completed by the Friday of the first full week of classes.
 - Schedule change request form is electronic.
 - Will be posted on the JRHS counseling page and main JRHS page.
 - Second Semester schedule changes should be made by October 15.
 - Schedules will not be completed until August.
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Where to locate the Program of Studies:

The screenshot shows the Botetourt County Public Schools website. The header features the school district's logo and name, "BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS", along with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. A navigation bar contains links to Home, Announcements, Calendar, Department, Parents, Personnel, Schools, School Board, Superintendent, Staff, and COVID Information. The "Parents" link is highlighted with an orange box. A dropdown menu is open under "Parents", listing various resources. The "Resources" link in this menu is also highlighted with an orange box. A second dropdown menu is open under "Resources", listing various educational programs. The "Program of Studies 22-23" link in this second dropdown menu is highlighted with an orange box. The background of the website features a large image of a brick school building and a video player showing a school scene.

BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Home Announcements Calendar Department **Parents** Personnel Schools School Board Superintendent Staff COVID Information

- Canvas Login for Students & Parents
- Canvas Training for Parents
- Clever Portal
- Education Foundation
- Policies and Procedures >
- Registration Forms
- Resources >**
- Virtual Academy

- Botetourt County Website
- Bus Information
- Bus Regulations
- Cafeteria
- Canvas Parent Login
- Comprehensive Plan 2016-2022
- ETE Annual Public Notice
- Gifted Education
- Home Instruction
- Homeless Education
- Parent Portal
- Photo Gallery
- Program of Studies 21-22
- Program of Studies 22-23**
- School Quality Profiles
- Special Education
- Standards of Learning
- Title 1
- Virtual Virginia

WELCOME TO BOTETOURT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is the mission of Botetourt County Public Schools to ensure that all students part and to meet the challenges of responsible citizens

Experiences necessary to grow, to adapt

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES



B O T E T O U R T

COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DR. JONATHAN RUSS - SUPERINTENDENT
143 POOR FARM ROAD
FINCASTLE, VA 24090

English Courses:

9th Grade:

English 9 or English 9 AS



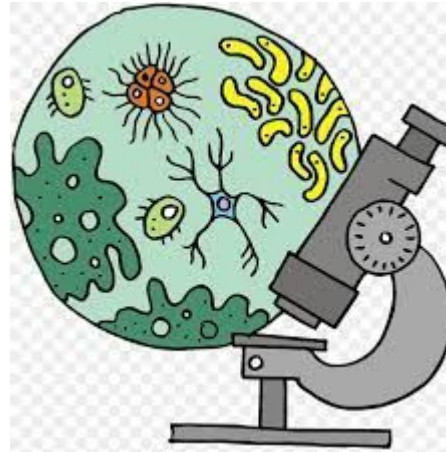
Electives:

Photojournalism (application required) & Creative Writing

Science Program:

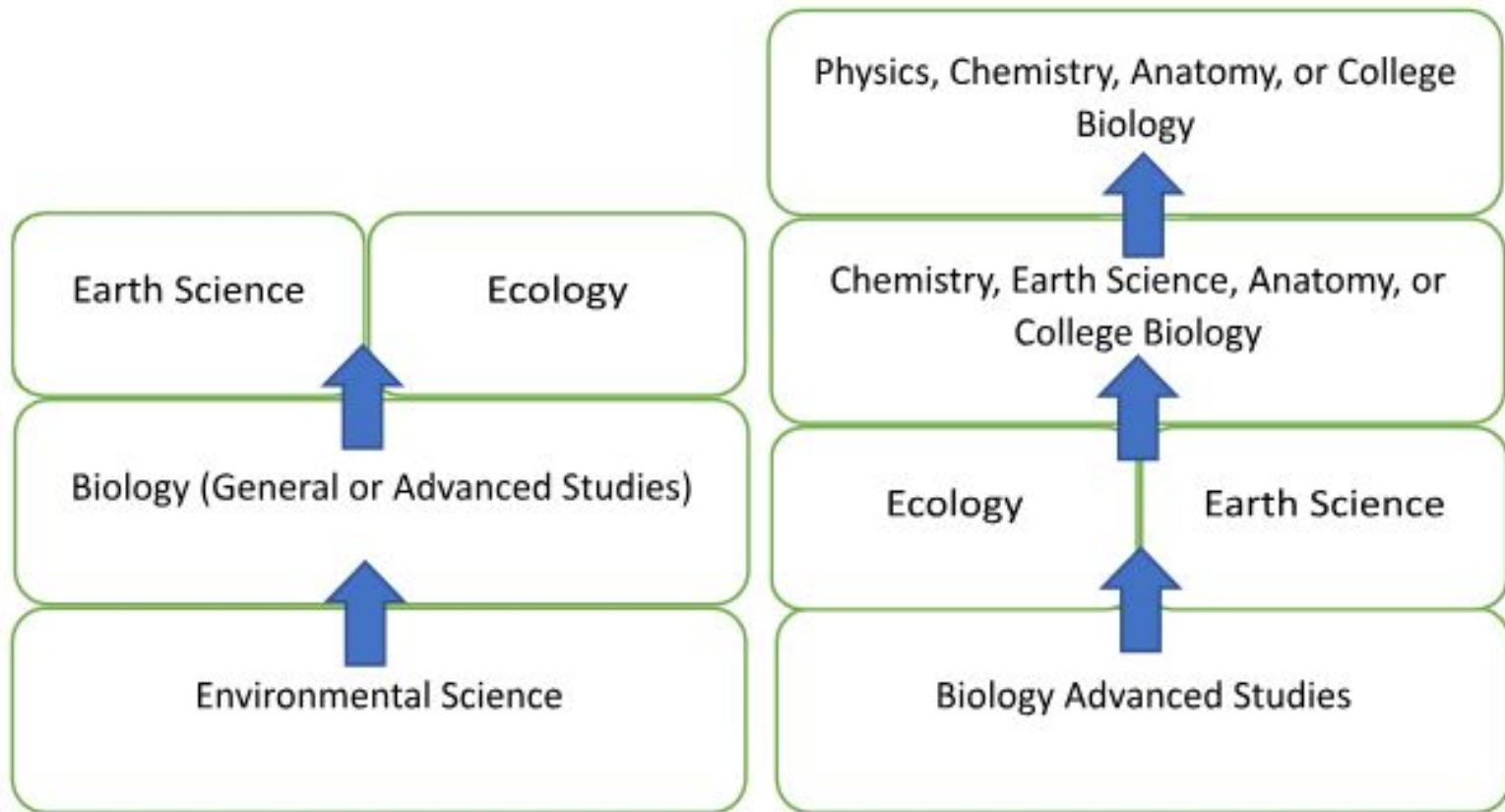
-9th Grade Choices:

- Environmental Science (Foundational Course)
- Biology or Earth Science



**Advanced diploma requires 3 science domains (earth, biology, chemistry, physics).*

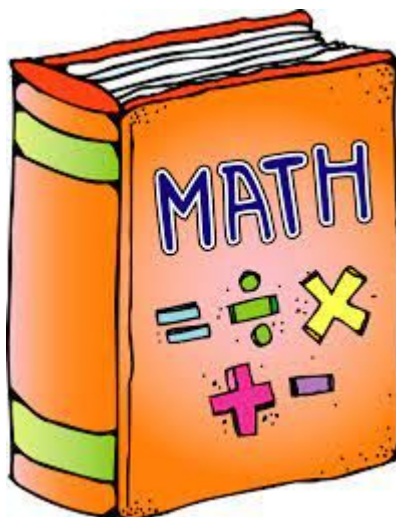
Science Pathway



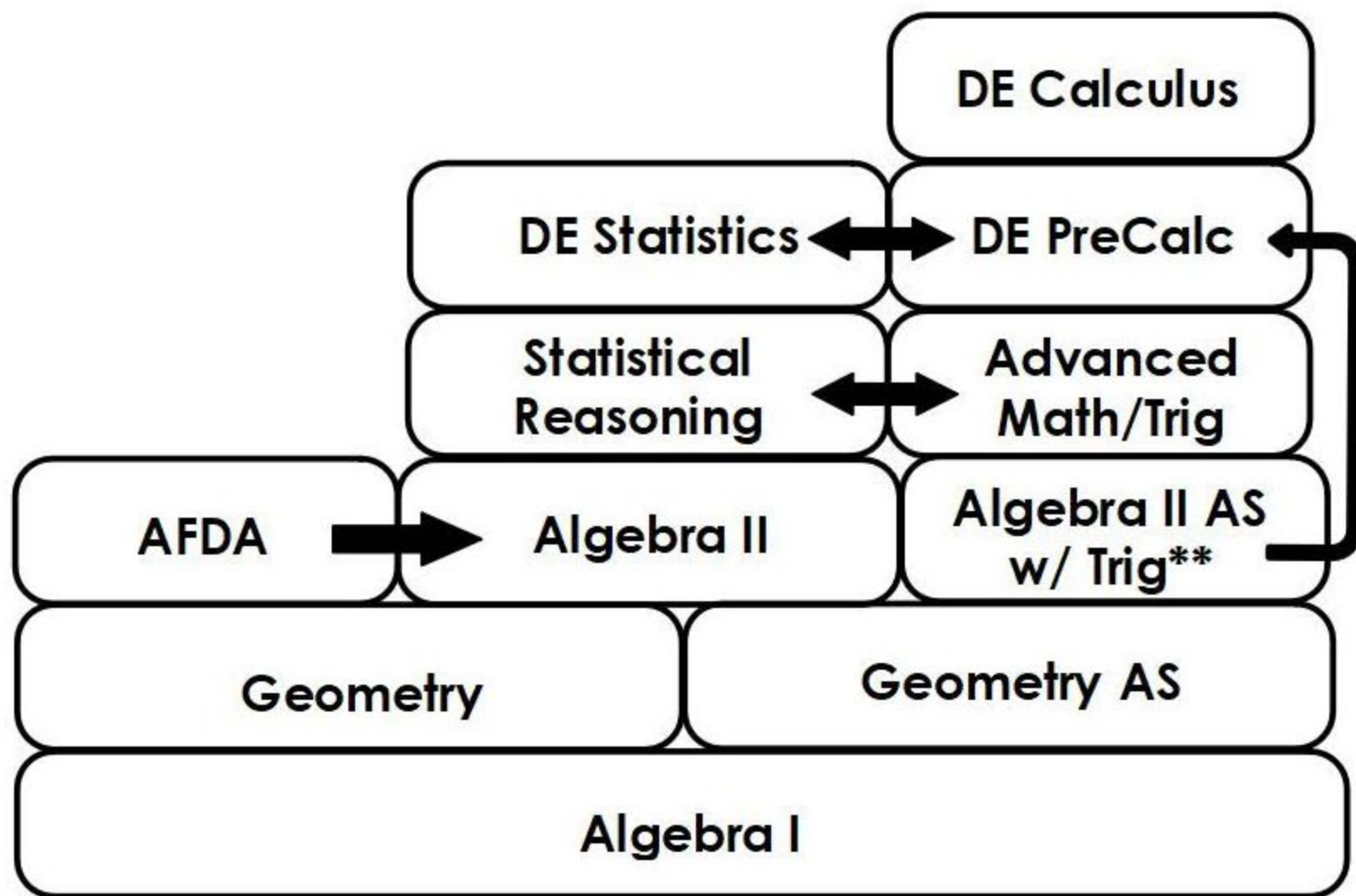
If a student getting an Advanced Diploma takes Biology AS in 9th grade, they will need to take both Chemistry and Physics before they graduate.

Mathematics Program:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2



Recommended Math Sequence



****We do not recommend students make this jump--
ONLY with teacher approval.**

History/Social Science Program:

- 9th: World History and Geography I
 - General or Advanced Studies



-Electives

- Sociology & World Religions and Religious Conflicts
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Health and Physical Education



Required:
– Health/PE 9

**Health/PE 9 & 10 are also offered in the summer at the YMCA if enough students enroll. Tuition is required. See the Program of Studies for more information.*

Electives:
– Weight Training I, II, III, & IV
– Sports Medicine I & II

World Languages



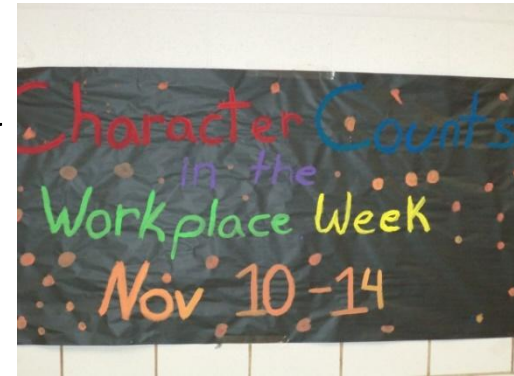
- French I, II
- Spanish I, II, III, IV, and V



Family and Consumer Science



- Food Science – Farm to Table
- Early Childhood Education
- Individual Development and Relationships
- Intro. to Culinary Arts
- Fashion Careers
- Intro. To Interior Design
- Leadership Development
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Real Life 101



Business and Information Technology



- Accounting
- Be Your Own Boss
- Digital Applications
- Medical Systems Administration
- Microsoft Office
- Multimedia and Web Design
- Principles of Business and Marketing
- Sports, Entertainment, and Recreation Marketing

- Economics & Personal Finance
(Required for all students. Taken in Grade 11)

Band + Choir

- Concert Band, Level 1 – 8
- Choir, Level 1 – 8
- Rock History and Guitar



Art



- Art Foundations (9th – 12th grade).
 - Prerequisite for any other Art course.
- 2D Art I
- 2D Art II
- 3D Art I
- 3D Art II
- Studio Art AP



Agricultural Education



- Farm to Table Food Science
- Introduction to Agriculture and Shop Technology*(Must take * to take **)
- Agriculture Management**
- Agricultural Systems**
- Operating the Farm Bus. **
- Small Engine Repair 1 and 2



BTEC Course Offering

- Aerospace Technology
 - Auto Body Technology (Grade 10 – 12)
 - Auto Service Technology (Grade 10 – 12)
 - Building Trades
 - Computer Systems Technology (Grade 10 – 12)
 - Cosmetology (Grade 11 & 12)
 - Criminal Justice (Grade 10 – 12)
 - Engineering
 - Information Systems Technology
 - Mechatronics (Grade 11 – 12)
 - Nurse Aide (Grade 11 & 12)
 - Veterinary Technology
 - Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow (Grade 11 & 12)
 - Welding
 - Work Based Learning (Grade 11 & 12)
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Dual Enrollment offered at James River 2024-2025

- English
 - English 111/112 (Juniors)
 - English 245/255 (Seniors)
- History
 - History 121/122 (Juniors)
 - Political Science 211/212 (Seniors)
- Math
 - Math 167 (Precalculus)
 - Math 245 (Statistics)
 - Math 263 (Calculus)
- Science
 - College Biology 101/102
- Spanish
 - Spanish 201 (Spanish 4)
 - Spanish 202 (Spanish 5)



**Dual Enrollment:
High School +
College Credit**

For transfer
information, please
contact schools you
are interested in
and/or visit
transferva.org

Dual Enrollment – Off Campus

- Students will take care of their own registration at the community college.
 - There may be a form that needs a counselor signature to enroll.
- Students will need to apply and qualify the community college system.
- Courses may be in person or virtual
- Pay 100% tuition to the college
- Course must be able to be used toward a degree or certificate
- Students will need to show their counselor verification of enrollment

Regional Academies

- Held on VWCC campus in the morning.
 - **Juniors and Seniors only**
 - BCPS Provides Transportation
 - Full tuition paid directly to VWCC
 - Programs include:
 - Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
 - Engineering
 - Mechatronics
 - Health Sciences
 - Pre-Health Program
 - Applications are due second semester.
 - Contact: Kathy Beard, DE Coordinator
(kbeard@virginiawestern.edu)
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THE REGIONAL ACADEMY



Virginia Western Community College

Preparing the Future
Through Science, Technology
Engineering, Mathematics and Health
Science

Programs (Posted on the VWCC Website)

- Engineering. 11th & 12th (CSC – 39 college credits over 2 years)
- Mechatronics. 12th (CSC – 19 college credits)
- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. 11th & 12th (12-college credits)
- IT/Cyber Security – Offered Virtually
- Science - Health Science. 11th & 12th (42 college credits over 2 years)
- Health Programs Selected Admissions. 12th (19 college credits)
- Health Professions Support Services
- Health Records Coding
- Emergency Medical Technician

WHY THE REGIONAL ACADEMY?



Challenging



Build college
transcript



Get acclimated
to college
environment –
Helps you be
better prepared
for 4-year
programs



State of the art
labs and
equipment



CCAP (post high
school to finish
the degree)



Have fun and
meet new
friends!

REGIONAL ACADEMY

ELIGIBILITY

- Students should be a high school aged junior or senior
- Must have a 3.0 HS GPA
- Must have completed Algebra I with a “C” or higher

HOW TO APPLY

- Apply to VWCC
- Complete the on-line Academy application
- Teacher recommendation form
- Community leader form
- Under 18 Parent Signature Form
- Copy of the HS transcript

About the Regional Academy

Classes take place at Virginia Western

- Taught by Virginia Western Faculty
- May be in-person or on-line (check your schedule)
- You will need a computer that meets the VWCC standards
- You will use CANVAS as a means to communicate with your instructor, upload assignments, etc.

Monday through Friday

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
- Student transportation unless provided by the high school
- VWCC Academic Calendar (Different than the high school calendar)

TUITION and Books

- Students are responsible for tuition, textbook
- Program may have special computer requirements

Funding for the Regional Academy

Dual Enrollment Students do not qualify for traditional college financial aid

- State appropriation for Health-Related Occupations. This is year-to-year with no guarantee of renewal
- Must Apply, Maintain a 2.5 GPA, take all classes in the sequence, be sincerely interested in a health professions related programs (see website for complete details)
- NOT ALL CLASSES are covered
 - Health Related programs
 - Mechatronics
 - IT

Students paying tuition to the college

Transfer Opportunities

Guaranteed admission to
VT with completed

Associates Degree with

GPA 3.0 or higher



Regional Academy

Questions?

Contact:

Dr. Kathryn H. Beard
Regional Academy Coordinator
540-857-7235 (Office)

Programs – Regional Academy – Virginia
Western Community College
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JACKSON RIVER
GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

science + mathematics + technology

- **11th and 12th grade Students**
- Mountain Gateway Community College
- BCPS provides transportation
- All Dual Enrollment/College Courses
- Math/Science
- 1/2 day – Return for lunch and PM classes.
- Mr. Graham is available to answer questions at egraham@dslcc.edu
- <https://www.dslcc.edu/jackson-river-governors-school>

See your counselor if interested.



Roanoke Valley Governor's School

- **9th - 12th grade Students**
 - Campus of Patrick Henry High School
 - BCPS Provides Transportation
 - Dual Enrollment/College Courses
 - Math/Science
 - 1/2 day - Return for lunch and PM classes.
 - Applications available at Information Meetings
 - Meeting dates available on their website
 - Testing is required
 - <https://www.rvgs.k12.va.us/>
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VIRTUAL ACADEMY OVERVIEW FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS



What Does Learning Look Like?

Online and
Asynchronous

Daily Schedule
Up To You

Flexible

Highschool on
Block Schedule



Can Join School Athletic Teams



Can Attend Botetourt Technical Education Center



Must provide own midday transportation

Can Take Band and Choir in the Building

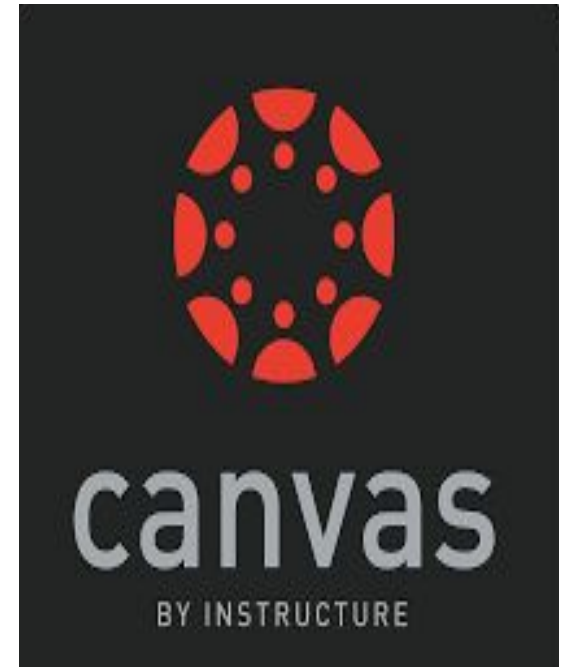


Can Take AP Art in the Building



Accessing Classes

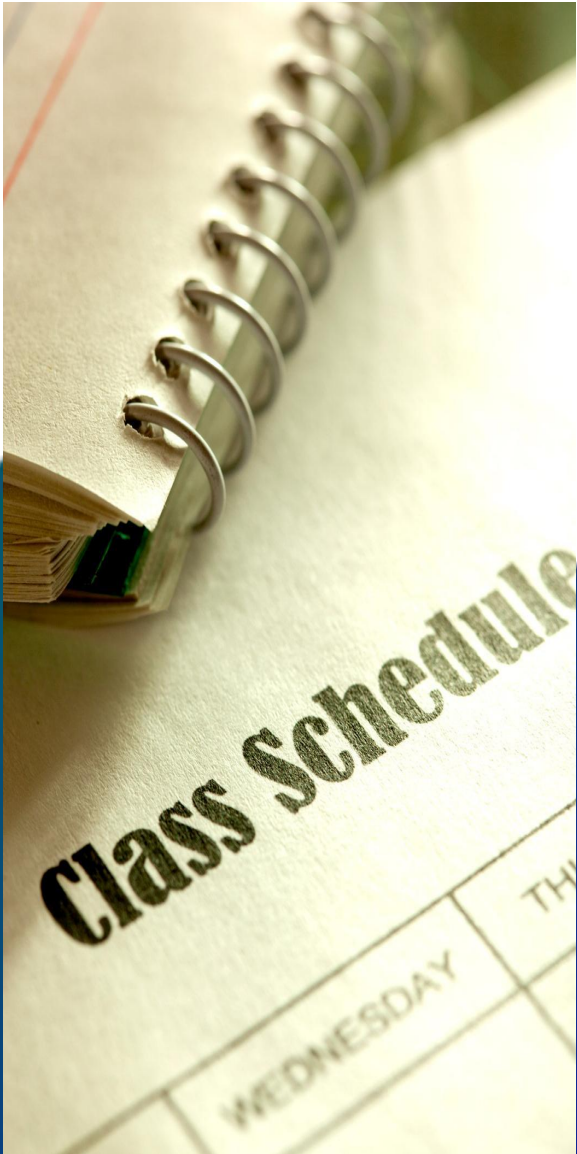
- Canvas: the software platform or learning management system that holds our learning content
- Courses are loaded on the first day of school



What About Snow Days, Early Dismissals, and Delays?

Virtual Academy students follow the school calendar and match the in-building schedule including closings, delays, and early dismissals.

Interested?



Contact your counselor or visit the Virtual Academy website on the BCPS page under Schools.

“Luck” is where opportunity meets *Preparation*



WORKPLACE READINESS

- Resumes
- Interview Prep
- Soft Skills
- Confidence is key!



TRADE SCHOOL

- Program selection
- School selection
- Scholarships/Funding



COLLEGE

- FAFSA / Scholarships
- Applications
- Community college to university transition



AMY HAMMOND

AHAMMOND@BCPS.K12.VA.US

Room A46 Thursdays and Fridays



Mountain Gateway
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Next Steps

- Please read over the Program of Studies with your child and discuss your course selections.
 - Student will register for EIGHT credits + 3 alternate classes
 - Students may select 1 BTEC primary request and 1 BTEC alternate.
 - CAMS will provide students with sheets for them to write down their requests.
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Questions



Please contact us!

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- Mrs. Simmons:

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