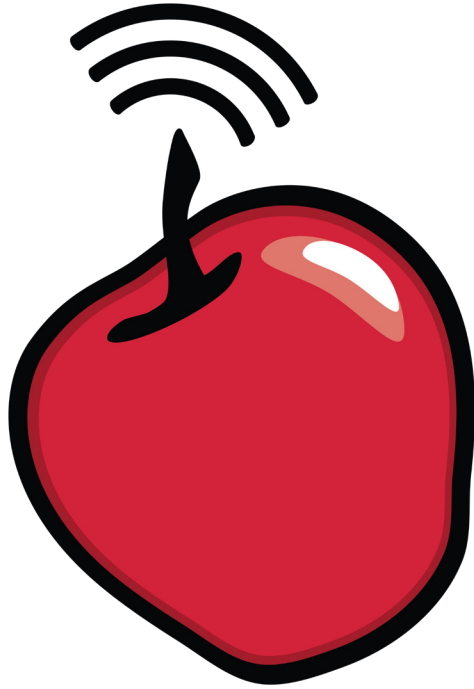


Education Excellence



VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL
Prospectus

Welcome

A message from our principal

On behalf of all the staff at Virtual High School, I want to thank you for your interest in our school. As a global leader in educational excellence, we strive to provide the best experience possible in online secondary education.

VHS empowers students with greater freedom and choice. Our students can register and begin their course anytime, complete the course content at their own pace, and write their final exam online on the day of their choosing. Engaging course content, qualified teachers, and 24/7 student support are the hallmarks of the VHS experience.

I hope you enjoy learning about our exceptional school and students.



Stephen Baker, B.Sc., B.Ed., OCT
Principal, and CEO.



Striving for Educational Excellence

Virtual High School (VHS) is a private online high school offering Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) credit courses. Our student-centred approach to education features flexible timelines, engaging course content, the support of certified teachers, and free, unlimited online tutoring. VHS credits are accepted by high schools, colleges, and universities worldwide, and our rigorous academic integrity policy ensures that all credits are issued with confidence.



1 ENROLMENT

Register online anytime and begin within 24 hours. Complete the course at your own pace within 18 months.



2 SUPPORT

Confidently work through course content with support from a certified teacher and free, unlimited online tutoring.



3 EXAMS

Write your exam online under the supervision of an approved proctor. Submit your own proctor or select one from our pre-approved list.



4 REPORTS

We mail your official midterm and final report cards to you, your main school of registration, and any requested locations.

Who Are VHS Students?

Virtual High School hosts a wonderfully diverse student body. Every year we welcome students from Ontario, across Canada, and around the world. Whether they are young professional athletes, actors, or musicians, traveling with family, studying full-time or part-time, earning their OSSD as a mature student, or completing extra credits while attending a public or private school, students come to VHS for individual reasons, but all in need of one thing: a flexible online education option.



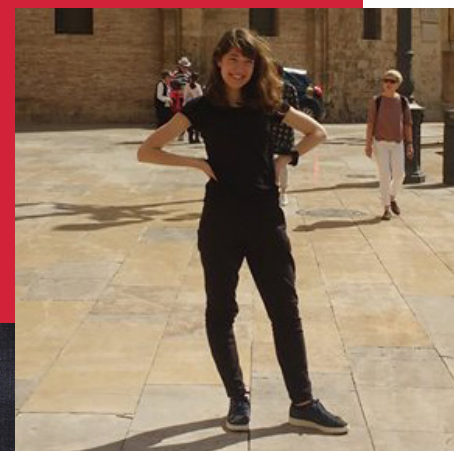
Sunny Cha

I saw VHS as an alternative path towards graduating high school and earning my diploma through a flexible schedule that I could manage around my irregular, weekly needs ... My interactions with my teachers have also been spectacular. I hold a firm belief that the character of a teacher can make or break a student's education, and from my experiences with VHS, my teachers have been protagonists. They evaluate their students impartially while at the same time, adapt to their students' individual needs and (for me specifically) their characteristic oddities, jumping the hurdle standing between educator and teacher.



Isaiah Grewal

I am so thankful for the opportunity to access challenging academic courses to try to meet the same high standards expected of all OSSD candidates. I am also very thankful to my guidance counsellors and exam administrator for their willingness to work to understand the latest scientific evidence about non-speaking autism. Because of their efforts, I am able to earn my credits fairly. And thanks to my Geography teacher for designing such a great course. It was my first essay-based virtual course and I'm having such a great time, I want to do all my credits with VHS now.



Erika Berg

Virtual High School has helped me very much; my essay writing has improved greatly, my critical thinking is deeper, and I like to think that my perspectives about the world and current issues have broadened. I learned very much thanks to the in-depth content of the courses and also thanks to [VHS's] outstanding teachers. I honestly believe that I would not have pursued these educational and career goals had it not been for Virtual High School.

Earning the OSSD with VHS

We ensure that every student has the opportunity to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), regardless of where they live or where they have been educated.

Earn Your OSSD Using Equivalent Credits

With Equivalent Credit Assessments, students have the opportunity to earn their OSSD using

- ✓ credits earned at other schools
- ✓ credits earned outside of Ontario

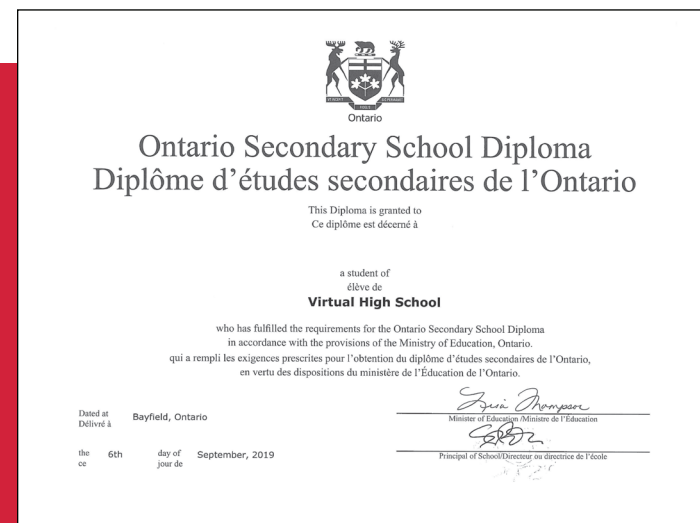
Equivalent credits are OSSD credits that can be issued if a student has met the equivalent standards of an OSSD course outside of Ontario. Determining equivalency involves an assessment of the student's credentials as shown on their transcripts and/or report cards. VHS can grant up to 24 equivalent credits at the discretion of the principal and VHS Guidance team.

Year	Month	Course/Equivalent	Course Title	Course Code	Percentage Grade	Credits	Compulsory	Notes
2017	12	Equivalent Credits		PLE	EQV	23.00	17.00	
2018	02	11	Introduction to Computer Science	ICSU	82	1.00		
2018	02	12	Physics	SPHU	65	1.00		
2018	02	12	Advanced Functions	MFHU	75	1.00		
2018	07	12	Nutrition and Health	HFHU	74	1.00		
2018	11	12	Chemistry	SCHU	60	1.00		
2018	12	12	Computer Studies	ICSU	75	1.00		
2019	03	12	Calculus and Vectors	MCV4U	71	1.00		
2019	09	12	English	ENG4U	51	1.00		X
2019	11	12	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course	OLC4O	78	1.00		

SUMMARY OF CREDITS
 Community Involvement: Completed
 Provincial Secondary School Literacy Requirement: Satisfactorily Completed
 OSSD Credits: 32.00
 Compulsory Credits: 18.00

Earn Your OSSD Exclusively at VHS

VHS offers all Compulsory courses and a variety of Optional course options. This means that students can earn their diploma exclusively with VHS. The completion of other OSSD requirements, such as the Provincial Secondary School Literacy Requirement and community involvement component, can also all be arranged through the VHS Guidance team.



The OSSD Requirements

1

30 Credits

Before graduating from high school, students must earn a minimum of 30 credits (18 compulsory, and 12 optional).



2

OSSLT

Students who wish to earn the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) must write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Typically the test is written while students are in Grade 10. This test determines whether students meet the minimum standard for literacy (reading and writing) across all subject areas to the end of Grade 9 as outlined in the Ontario curriculum. Students who are unsuccessful can take the test again, or (if eligible) complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC).



3

Community Involvement

Before graduating from high school, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of unpaid community involvement activities. These volunteer hours are intended to promote community values by involving students in their community in a positive and contributive manner.***

18 Compulsory

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
- 3 credits in Mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12).
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian History
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography
- 1 credit in the Arts
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics
- 1 **Group 1**
one credit in English or French as a second language, a Native language, or a classical or international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education
- 1 **Group 2**
one credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language**
- 1 **Group 3**
one credit in science in Grade 11 or 12, or technological education, or French as a second language, or computer studies**

12 Optional

12 optional credits (chosen based on interests and post-secondary requirements)

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.
 ** Only 2 additional second language credits (either French or English) can be counted as compulsory: one in Group 1, and one in either Group 2 or Group 3.
 *** Students completing fewer than four years of high school in Ontario may have a reduced number of community involvement hours to complete. This will be determined by your VHS guidance coordinator.

Student Services

With our expert understanding of OSSD requirements and procedures, we are ready and able to best support students. We support our students in many ways. Whether you are earning a single credit or the entire OSSD, we are determined to help you succeed.

Guidance Services

Our students have full access to the specialized support we offer:

- ▶ Equivalent credit assessments
- ▶ Prerequisite waivers
- ▶ Ontario Universities' Application Centre account management
- ▶ Implementation of student-specific accommodations (including ELL/ESL supports)
- ▶ Ontario Student Record creation/transfer
- ▶ Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test management

Accommodations

For students who require academic accommodations, VHS can provide assessment accommodations, with supporting documentation.

Supporting ESL Learners

The programs of study offered by VHS must be flexible in order to accommodate the needs of students who require instruction in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development. Teachers are responsible for helping students to develop their English abilities.

Students who enrol at VHS have the opportunity during registration to provide information about their English language learning background, including the number of years they have been learning English. This information guides the instruction of VHS teachers and the accommodations they provide.

VHS also supports English Language Learners through partnerships with third-party services such as free online tutoring through GradeSlam, and English placement tests with Off2Class.

Unlimited Online Tutoring Support

VHS students have access to 24/7, unlimited online tutoring support through GradeSlam. This service comes at no additional cost to students.



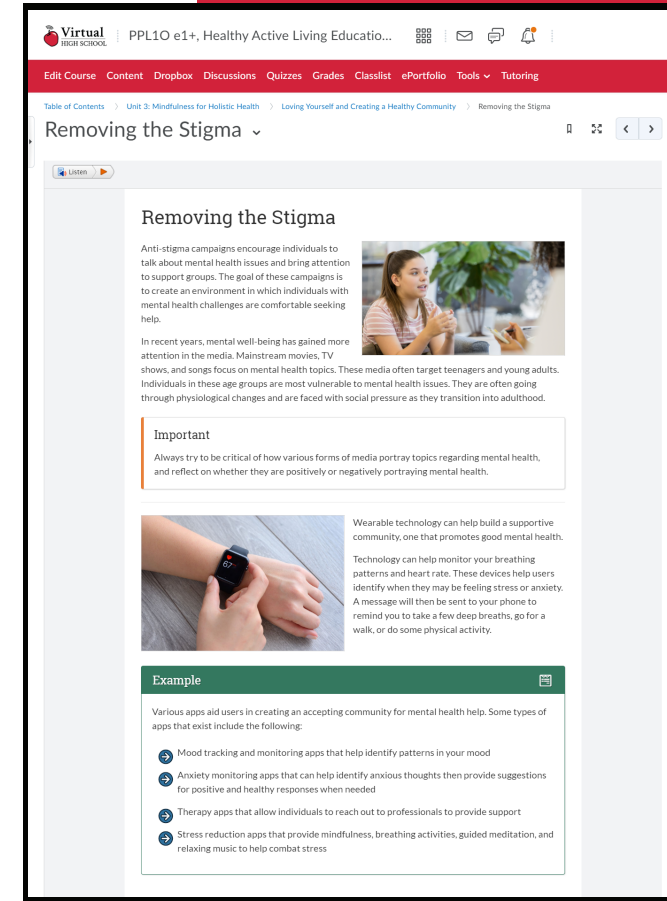
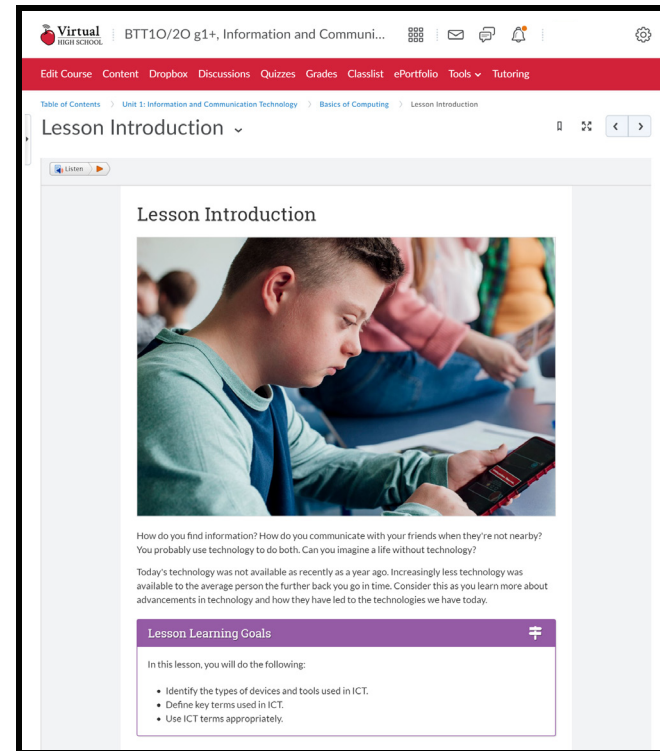
Leaders in Online Course Creation

Courses that Prepare Students for a Dynamic Future

VHS courses are designed, written, and developed by certified teachers and content specialists. Each course follows its curriculum document as set out by the Ontario Ministry of Education, and our school and courses are inspected regularly by the Ministry to ensure compliance with their expectations. With over 20 years of experience in online course design, VHS has become a recognized leader in online course creation.

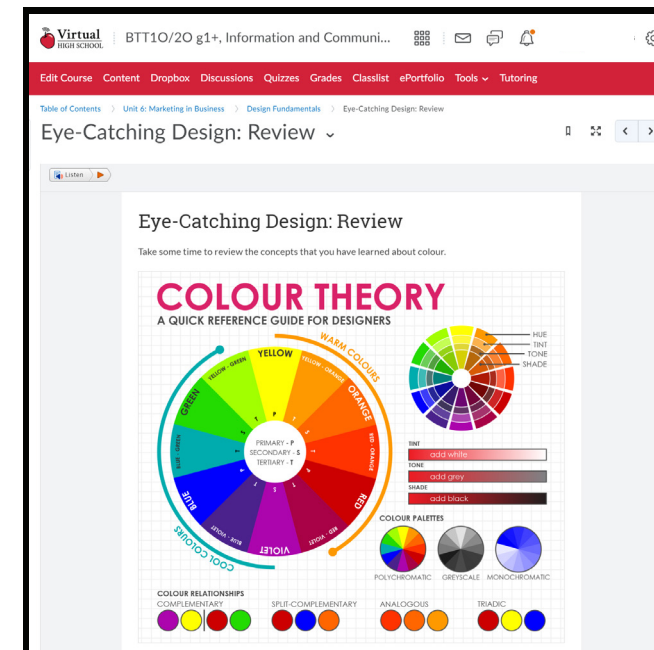
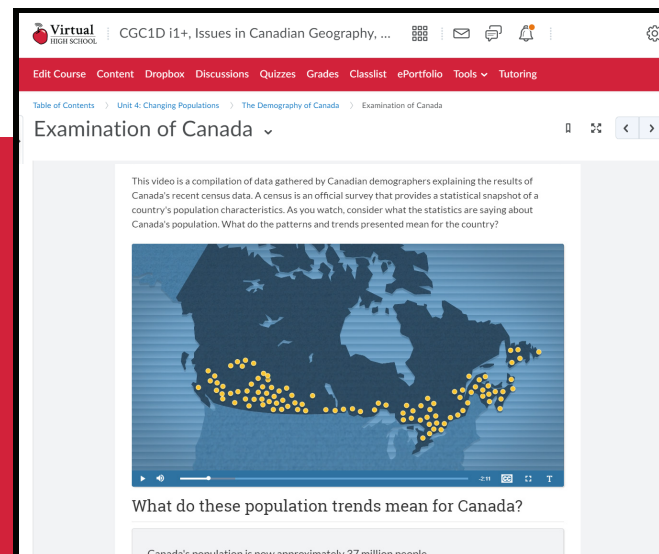
Personalized Learning

VHS course design focuses on student experience. Our courses are created with flexibility, differentiated instruction, and choice, to accommodate and respond to individual learner needs.



Learning Environment

The course content exists in the Brightspace™ learning environment by D2L. Course textbooks are not required, as all content is online, including examples, questions, and assessments.

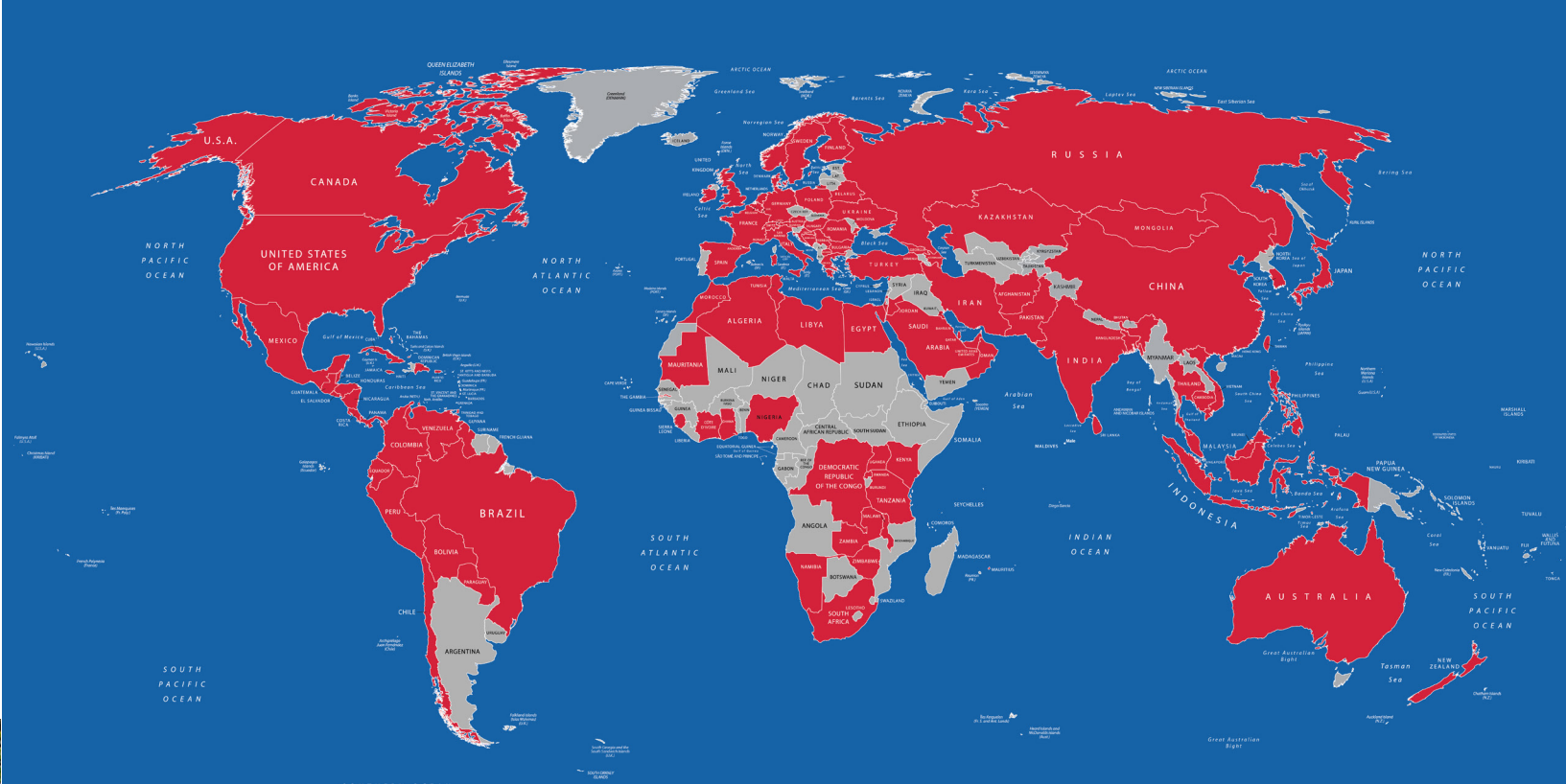


Accessibility

Our courses are written and developed with a focus on accessibility, layout, design, and usability. All course content is housed in Brightspace, which is an adaptive, mobile-friendly, learning environment easily accessed from any device.

Where Is Virtual High School?

Our main office is located in the village of Bayfield, Ontario, about three hours west of Toronto. Set on the shores of Lake Huron, Bayfield is a popular tourist destination known for its historic Main Street, boutique shops and art galleries, public beaches, and stunning sunsets. The natural beauty and vibrant small-town culture of Bayfield attracts talented course developers, web designers, administrative staff, and teachers. From this lively Ontario village, our team delivers outstanding service to thousands of students around the world.



Students from over **120 countries**



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Over **70 course** offerings

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