FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:
Highland’s Virtual Learning Academy (100% Online Option)

1. What is Highland’s chosen provider of the online Virtual Learning Academy (VLA)?
   Edgenuity

2. What is Edgenuity?
   Edgenuity is a comprehensive online academic program (100% online) with interactive, media-rich instruction. Courses are aligned with Ohio Standards, as well as the Highland curriculum.

3. Why did Highland choose Edgenuity?
   ❖ Rigorous content
   ❖ Interactive lessons
   ❖ Easy to navigate and manage for students and parents.
   ❖ Supports communication between teachers and students.
   ❖ Allows students and parents to see all courses and assignments in one place.
   ❖ Allows teachers to instruct, remediate, motivate and provide feedback.
   ❖ Content can be adjusted by teachers to more closely align with current pacing.

4. What does Edgenuity look like for K-5 students?
   ❖ Students will have daily connections to teachers assigned to the course and/or other Highland staff (classroom aides, counselors, etc.) through Zoom and the Edgenuity Messaging Platform.
   ❖ There will be at least two check-ins during the day with staff, which could be a morning meeting, small group or individual check-in.
   ❖ Attendance will be taken daily through online work and other participation.
   ❖ Edgenuity is designed for 1-3 hours of online instruction each day.
   ❖ Students will be enrolled in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies and a choice of two electives from the list below.
   ❖ Students will receive workbooks for additional reinforcement.
   ❖ Students will have access to other Highland resources such as Lexia, iReady diagnostics, Discovery Education and Edutyping.
   ❖ Students will remain subject to all policies and procedures of the Highland Schools while attending the VLA program.

5. What does Edgenuity look like for 6-12 students?
   ❖ Students will have connections to teachers assigned to the course and/or other Highland staff (classroom aides, counselors, etc.) through Zoom and the Edgenuity Messaging Platform.
   ❖ There will be scheduled meetings with staff, which will be determined by a student’s schedule.
   ❖ Attendance will be taken daily through online work and other participation.
   ❖ Courses offered through Edgenuity include most of Highland’s current curriculum offerings.
   ❖ Students will be enrolled in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies and a limited choice of electives. (See course list below)
   ❖ Textbooks or other resources will depend on the specific course.
   ❖ Students will have access to other Highland resources such as Lexia, iReady diagnostics, Discovery Education and Naviance.
   ❖ Students will remain subject to all policies and procedures of the Highland Schools while attending the VLA program.
6. Will students in the VLA program be taught by a Highland teacher?
   Based on preliminary numbers from the recent parent survey, the district is currently planning to have students in grades K-5 taught by Highland teachers using the Edgenuity program. The district continues to work on details for students in grades 6-12, but given the complexity of both teacher licensure and individual student course selections, we are unable to confirm teacher assignments at this time.

7. As a parent, will I be required to support my child during daily learning?
   Yes. However, Edgenuity offers a Parent Tab in the K-5 module so that you may offer assistance to your child with lessons, if needed. Support is also available for parents with students in grades 6-12 by accessing the Family/Parent Portal.

8. Is there a cost to enroll my child in the VLA program?
   No. This option is offered at no additional cost to Highland families (pending satisfactory progress and course completion).

9. Can my student(s) opt out of the VLA program anytime during the first semester and return to Option 1 (In-Person School)?
   No. Once registered, the district is making a financial investment on behalf of your student, making staffing decisions for both in-person and VLA instruction and balancing class rosters based on the number of registered students. Your commitment will be for one semester.

10. Can my student be enrolled in both College Credit Plus (CCP) courses and VLA?
    Yes. Edgenuity courses can be accessed anytime, anywhere; therefore, allowing flexibility with student schedules. Students may participate in both.

11. If students are enrolled in the VLA option for the first semester, how will they integrate back into the physical classroom for the second semester?
    Students enrolled in the VLA option remain Highland students. Integration back into the classroom will be simplified because:
    - Highland teachers will be supporting online students whenever possible.
    - Highland diagnostic testing and monitoring will follow the same schedule as students attending in-person.
    - Edgenuity curriculum will be adjusted to align closely with Highland curriculum.
    - Students may access other Highland resources throughout their VLA semester.

12. Will my child have a teacher assigned for each subject?
    The teacher assigned to your student’s courses will be licensed to teach those courses. Some teachers are licensed to teach multiple subjects. For example, most middle school teachers are licensed to teach in two or more areas, so the same teacher can be assigned to multiple subjects.

13. How will my MS or HS student know which courses to sign up for?
    Your student’s counselor can assist with choosing appropriate classes, if needed.

14. What about my student’s services (IEP, 504, WEP, WAP, EL)?
    Because student services are individualized, the district will work with parents to provide services to students who are appropriate for the online format.
    - For questions concerning IEPs and 504s or English Learners, please contact Deb Yorko, Director of Pupil Services, at dyorko@highlandschools.org.
    - For questions about Gifted Services, please contact Laurie Boedicker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at boedicker@highlandschools.org.
15. Can my student still be involved in afterschool extracurricular activities at Highland if enrolled in the VLA program?
Yes. Students will be able to participate in afterschool district athletics and extracurricular activities in accordance with the same eligibility and health guidelines required for all other district students.

16. Will I have an opportunity to enroll my student in the VLA for the second semester?
The district will offer an additional registration process prior to the second semester.

17. What if a school closure is required by the state or local government?
If state or local regulations require a school closure, students participating in this option will continue uninterrupted using the same online curriculum and platform.

18. Is there a video of the Edgenuity platform?
The following is an inside look at the 6-12 student experience with Edgenuity. 
[https://www.edgenuity.com/student-experience/](https://www.edgenuity.com/student-experience/)

19. What are the technical requirements for the Edgenuity platform?
Courseware K-5 System Requirements

Still Have Questions?
Please contact Laurie Boedicker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at 330-239-1901, ext. 1260, or via email at HighlandVLA@highlandschools.org.

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### Elementary Electives

- Arts and Crafts K-2
- Art 1
- Art 2
- Art 3
- Art 4
- Music - Recorders Level 1
- Keyboarding
- Scratch Coding
- Health K-1
- Health 2-3
- Health 4-5
- Physical Education K-1
- Physical Education 2-3
- Physical Education 4-5

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### Middle School Courses

**English Language Arts**
- English Language Arts 6
- English Language Arts 7
- English Language Arts 8

**Mathematics**
- Adv. Mathematics 6
- Adv. Mathematics 7
- Mathematics 8
- Algebra I
- Geometry

**Science**
- Science 6
- Science 7
- Science 8

**Social Studies**
- Social Studies 6
- Social Studies 7
- Social Studies 8

**World Language (Grade 8)**
- Spanish 1
- French 1
- Chinese 1

**Electives**
- Keyboarding and Applications*
- Lifetime Fitness *
- Online Learning & Digital Citizenship*
- Strategies for Academic Success
High School Courses
*If you do not see all of your student's courses listed below, we will contact you to discuss options.

**English Language Arts**
- English Language Arts 9 or Honors
- English Language Arts 10 or Honors
- English Language Arts 11 or Honors
- English Language Arts 12 or Honors
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- Introduction to Communications & Speech
- Expository Reading and Writing

**Mathematics**
- Algebra I
- Geometry or Honors
- Algebra II or Honors
- Precalculus or Honors
- Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics

**Social Studies**
- Modern World History
- American History
- Economics and Financial Literacy
- American Government*
- Contemporary World Issues
- Personal Finance
- Psychology
- Sociology
- AP U.S. History
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP Psychology
- Honors US History II
  (Honors American History)

**Science**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics

**World Language**
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- French 1
- French 2
- French 3
- AP French Language and Culture
- Chinese 1
- Chinese 2
- Latin 1
- Latin 2

**Art, Physical Education, Health and Computer Science**
- Introduction to Art
- Art History I
- Lifetime Fitness (semester)
- Contemporary Health
- Healthy Living (semester)
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Computer Applications: Office® 2016
- Online Learning & Digital Citizenship
- Strategies for Academic Success

(* Semester Course)

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