## **Benefits For Our Students**

- Access to more A.P. classes, CATE offerings, foreign languages, computer science classes and additional electives
- Credit recovery during the summer ٠
- Reduced scheduling conflicts
- Lower class size
- More meaningful homebound instruction
- Team teaching / blended learning with master teachers
- College & career readiness improved through meaningful online exposure .
- Opportunities for focused instruction (2 periods of English & Math) for struggling students







## Warrior Virtual **Online Academy**

"Making learning and engagement a 24/7 experience"

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## Virtual & Blended Learning Come to Waccamaw H.S.

The Warrior Virtual Online Academy offers students the opportunity to take new classes or existing offerings fully online with the support of current WHS teachers or state certified Fuel Education teachers in the comfort of one of Waccamaw's digital learning labs during an assigned class period.

This online and blended learning initiative also offers team teaching in select subjects and the opportunity to utilize instructional technology on a daily basis to better instruct and engage our students. Additionally, students in need of extra assistance in 9th grade English and Mathematics will have the opportunity to spend additional time in these areas while earning extra credits for graduation online.



Online Learning is the wave of the future. 45% of all college students currently must take at least one class online during their undergraduate experience.



1. What classes are available and when will my child be engaged in learning and complete the online coursework? Students will be able to pick from a plethora of offerings including at least 70 new classes not previously offered on our campus. Please see the attached list of classes. Students will work on their class(es) during their assigned period(s) in one of our digital learning labs.

2. What is the maximum number of courses my child can enroll in during the academic school year? Students can enroll in a maximum of 2 online classes / periods during the school year.

**3.** Is there a cost for my child to participate in this program? No. This program is free to all full-time students at Waccamaw High School.

4. What is the start date for the virtual classes and what policies govern dropping these courses during the school year? Virtual classes will begin on the first day of school. Students who drop these courses before completion will receive a WF on their transcript and could be required to pay the teacher's fee for this course.

**5.** Do I need internet access at home to enroll in the Warrior Virtual Online Academy? A student does not need internet access at home to enroll; however, it would be very beneficial and allow the student to work on his/her assignments outside of school. Additionally, a smartphone with video capability can also be used to access the curriculum.

6. Why is a student's academic history a consideration factor for enrollment in virtual classes? Online learning requires disciplined and self-motivated students, capable of working independently and meeting deadlines.

A student's academic history will not be the only determining factor; however, it will be considered when approving students for these classes.

7. Who will serve as my child's teacher during their virtual learning class? How does my child communicate the his/her teacher? For online classes not currently taught at WHS, the students will have a Fuel Education online instructor that will be available throughout the school day and evening.

For online classes that have face-to-face counterparts at WHS, students will have the opportunity to meet with a WHS teacher during one of three planning periods, before school, and/or after school. Additionally, Fuel Education provides a SC certified instructor from 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M., Monday through Friday via chat to answer questions and assist the students.

8. What are the attendance requirements for participation in this program? Students are expected to attend their virtual class(es) each day and attendance will be taken on a daily basis. While students will be working at their own pace, daily attendance during their assigned period is required so that students can successfully complete their online coursework and receive assistance as needed.



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