



Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

To Register for the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy: [Click Here](#)

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY OPTION IS DEPENDENT ON STUDENT REGISTRANTS AND TEACHER AVAILABILITY. ALL ANSWERS BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.**

1. Who is eligible to enroll in the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

All students in Grades K-12 who are unable to, uncomfortable in, or unsuccessful at participating in physical in-person instruction are eligible to register for the KT-VLA. As we collect registrations to determine feasibility of offering this option and developing the program, we will ask students to identify if the request is related to a medical need or if it is a personal choice. This will help us to better inform alternate options for all students.

2. If you do not enroll in the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy by August 14, 2020 will you be able to enroll at a later date?

No, students in Grades K-12 have to enroll in KT-VLA by August 14, 2020. The reason for this hard deadline is because the number of students who enroll has an impact on the ability to offer the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy as a widespread option. It also impacts staffing decisions and transportation arrangements.

3. What happens with Virtual Learning Academy enrollment when the second semester begins on January 30?

This depends almost entirely on what is happening with the virus, social distancing, and the environment we will find ourselves in at that time. Attendance may continue in the Virtual Learning Academy. This is due to needing to keep class sizes reduced to maintain social distancing protocols. Additional information will be shared in December.

4. If we choose to return in person after January 29th, who will be our children's teacher and what classes will they be in?

Students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy will not be guaranteed to have the same teacher(s) if they choose to return to the hybrid or full in-person model of instruction.

5. Who needs to enroll in Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

The application for KT-VLA only needs to be completed if you desire your child to participate in the Virtual Learning Academy for the first semester of school. If participating in the hybrid option, you do not need to complete the application.

6. If I choose to enroll my child in the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy can they attend in person one day a week for social/emotional needs?

No, your child would not be permitted to attend in person if you enroll them into the KT-VLA. We are hopeful that their social emotional needs will be met through the synchronous learning opportunities, as well as additional support that could be provided by service providers.

7. Who will be delivering the online instruction for the KT-VLA?

Certified Ken-Ton teachers will be delivering the online instruction for KT-VLA.

8. Will there be dedicated teachers assigned to the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

The number of registrants in the Virtual Learning Academy will determine if the district will dedicate teachers to be assigned exclusively to the Virtual Learning Academy. However, there will be dedicated teachers teaching online classes at all grade levels. All KT-VLA students will be scheduled into a virtual class and receive asynchronous lessons from their teacher, as well as at least three weekly synchronous learning opportunities with their teacher.

9. Will students in the Virtual Learning Academy have the same teacher(s) the whole time so they can develop relationships?

Students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy will have the same certified Ken-Ton teacher(s) for the duration of enrollment in the Online Learning Academy.

10. In the Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy, what will the schedules look like?

- Students in Grades K-4 will most likely be offered approximately 80 minutes of synchronous (live instruction, two 40-minute sessions), at least 4 days a week.
- Students in Grades 5-12 will be offered opportunities in a week for synchronous (live instruction). On the other days a week, KT-VLA students will participate in asynchronous learning and academic labs with their core academic teachers.

**** Teachers will use either Google Classroom or Canvas for their learning management system.*

Synchronous learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place. The term is most commonly applied to various forms of digital, and online learning in which students learn from instructors, or peers in real time, but not in person.

Asynchronous learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that do not occur in the same place or at the same time. The term is most commonly applied to various forms of digital and online learning in which students learn from instruction—such as prerecorded video lessons or web-based learning tasks that students complete on their own—that is not being delivered in person or in real time.

Grades K-4: Sample Schedule (schedule is subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:15- 11:30 Synchronous Instruction	9:15- 11:30 Synchronous Instruction	WIN DAY: "Whatever I Need"	9:15- 11:30 Synchronous Instruction	9:15- 11:30 Synchronous Instruction
Readers Workshop, Math, Small Group Breakout	Readers Workshop, Math, Small Group Breakout	Synchronous / Asynchronous Learning Opportunities	Readers Workshop, Math, Small Group Breakout	Readers Workshop, Math, Small Group Breakout
12:30-3:00 Asynchronous Instruction & Special Area Classes	12:30-3:00 Asynchronous Instruction & Special Area Classes		12:30-3:00 Asynchronous Instruction & Special Area Classes	12:30-3:00 Asynchronous Instruction & Special Area Classes

Middle and High School Sample Schedule* (schedule is subject to change)

Monday Day 1	Tuesday Day 2	Wednesday	Thursday Day 3	Friday Day 4
8:30-9:10 Period 1 (S) 9:20-10:00 Period 2 (A) 10:10-10:50 Period 3 (S) 11:00-11:40 Period 4 (A) 11:50-12:30 Period 5 (S) 12:30 Lunch 1:00-1:40 Period 6 (A) 1:50-2:30 Period 7 (S)	8:30-9:10 Period 1 (A) 9:20-10:00 Period 2 (S) 10:10-10:50 Period 3 (A) 11:00-11:40 Period 4 (S) 11:50-12:30 Period 5 (A) 12:30 Lunch 1:00-1:40 Period 6 (S) 1:50-2:30 Period 7 (A)	Synchronous / Asynchronous Learning Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediation • Project Based Learning • Intervention 	8:30-9:10 Period 1 (S) 9:20-10:00 Period 2 (A) 10:10-10:50 Period 3 (S) 11:00-11:40 Period 4 (A) 11:50-12:30 Period 5 (S) 12:30 Lunch 1:00-1:40 Period 6 (A) 1:50-2:30 Period 7 (S)	8:30-9:10 Period 1 (A) 9:20-10:00 Period 2 (S) 10:10-10:50 Period 3 (A) 11:00-11:40 Period 4 (S) 11:50-12:30 Period 5 (A) 12:30 Lunch 1:00-1:40 Period 6 (S) 1:50-2:30 Period 7 (A)

(A) Asynchronous (S) Synchronous *Students 20-21 schedules will be adjusted in this model.

11. How will classes be scheduled for the KT-VLA? What times will my child have classes?

Sample schedules are above. Final schedules cannot be created until we can determine the KT-VLA as a viable option, and we have students and teachers identified. Math and ELA instruction will occur during the school day for students in grades K-5. Other academic subjects will be delivered through an asynchronous model and can be viewed at a convenient time for K-4 students.

Grades 5-12 students will receive all required NYSED courses using a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning.

12. Will students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy be completing the same curriculum and same coursework as those enrolled in the Hybrid Model?

Students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy and the Hybrid Model will be receiving the same curriculum and coursework for subjects. Students in grades 8-12 will have limited electives available but will receive the required coursework toward grade completion and graduation.

13. How will student progress be evaluated if attending the Virtual Learning Academy?

Students enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy will be evaluated in the same manner as students attending In-Person or the Hybrid Model. A variety of assessments will be used to evaluate students including assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, etc.

14. Special Education service be provided for students enrolled in Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

Yes, KT-VLA students with IEPs will have a special education teacher who will support their IEPs.

15. Will AIS/RTI services be provided for students enrolled in Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

RTI services will be integrated into regular education classes.

16. Will students be able to take electives if they are enrolled in Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

The Virtual Learning Academy allows for students to take limited electives. Teachers will provide new material every day asynchronously, with multiple opportunities for the student to check in with the teacher, specifically.

17. Will attending the Virtual Learning Academy be treated differently on their school transcript?

No.

18. Will band and chorus be offered to students who are enrolled in KT-VLA?

At this time we do not have a definitive answer, but we are trying to plan for participation through Google Meet and Flip Grid.

19. Will academic materials be provided to KT-VLA students?

Yes all workbooks, books, and other essential materials will be provided to our KT-VLA students.

20. Will students opting into KT-VLA be provided a Chromebook?

The district is in the process of developing a plan to deploy more chromebooks to families in need. If families have technology in the home that can be used, we encourage students to use their home systems, as the district does not yet have one device per student.

21. Can students who enroll in KT-VLA participate in their BOCES Career and Technical Education program?

At this time, if students elect to participate in the Virtual Learning Academy for medical or other reasons that do not allow for in-person instruction, they will not be able to attend the BOCES CTE program as BOCES is offering only an in-person option.

22. How will AP classes work in Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

At this time, we can't guarantee that AP courses will be available in the Virtual Learning Academy. Once we determine the registrants for the Virtual Learning Academy we will evaluate whether or not this will be an option.

23. How will OT, PT and Speech Services be rendered to IEP students that attend the KT-VLA?

These student services will be provided to students via teletherapy.

24. Will a student receive IEP support if enrolled in the Virtual Academy?

Yes, all students will have a special education teacher who will provide services based on their IEP.

25. Can a student enrolled in KT-VLA participate in school sports?

Yes, if sports and extracurriculars are available to students before the end of our proposed timeline of January 29, they will be allowed to participate in sports.

26. How will remote learning courses be graded in Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

Grading in KT-VLA will follow the same grading policy as the courses in the face-to-face model, standard numeric grading 5-12, and rubric grading K-4. According to the KTUFSD guidance, the grading policies for remote learning must be consistent with the District's grading policies for in-school assignments

27. How will attendance be taken for students attending Ken-Ton Virtual Learning Academy?

To be considered in attendance, a student will be expected to be engaged daily as evidenced by access to Google Classroom or Canvas synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Options for students and parents to check daily attendance is available on the Parent and Student Portal in Infinite Campus.