

## Characteristics of the Successful Online Student:

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- Open-minded about sharing work, educational experiences, and life as part of the learning process.
  - Able to communicate through emails, discussion boards or telephone.
  - Self-motivated and self-disciplined.
  - Willing to "speak up" if problems arise.
  - Willing and able to commit 7 to 9 hours per week per course. (which is equal to the amount of time spent in the traditional classroom plus homework)
  - Accepts critical thinking and decision making as part of the learning process.
  - Has access to a computer and the Internet.
  - Able to process ideas through before responding.
  - Appreciates that high-quality learning can take place beyond the traditional classroom.
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## Wilson School District

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By participating in WVA, you are part of the Wilson School District! We are dedicated to providing enriching learning opportunities for all our students that are engaging, innovative and integrate technology. Students are encouraged to enroll in rigorous courses and to participate in our expansive extracurricular program.

Our Mission Statement of "Empowering our students to create their own future..." is the primary focus of all staff members, board members and administrative team.

Wilson School District has a superior reputation in the higher education world. WVA students receive a Wilson School District diploma and transcript. WVA students also have the opportunity to attend Berks Career and Technology Center and to participate in one of the best music and theatre programs in PA!

WVA students can compete in academic challenges. Wilson students regularly place in:

- Berks County Academic Challenge
  - Formula I Engineering Design Championships
  - BCIU Annual Art Exhibit
  - JROTC Leadership/Academic Bowl
  - Model United Nations
  - National Merit Scholarships
  - Technology Student Association
  - PA Chinese Speech Competition
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Wilson Virtual Academy

## WVA Students Are Wilson School District Students

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Our mission is to ensure students have access to quality online learning opportunities that prepare them for a lifetime of success.

We believe that every student has different educational needs, whether it is a classroom experience, virtual experience or a combination of both.

WVA offers a myriad of benefits! A student enrolled in WVA has access to the full gamut of Wilson resources including the opportunity to participate in all extracurricular and co-curricular activities. WVA provides a liaison/mentor between the district, parents, student and curriculum vendor. Students have access to building libraries, our tutoring center and a quiet place to work if needed. For convenience, PSSA & Keystone Exams are administered in Wilson buildings.

## Important Points about the Wilson Virtual Academy



Using email to communicate with your WVA teachers is essential.

### Communication

It is very important that both students and parents communicate with WVA teachers and Mrs. Chestnut, WVA Coordinator. Please allow 48 hours Monday-Friday (not including holidays or weekends) for WVA teachers to respond to questions and grade assignments. If you do not hear from a teacher in a timely manner, please contact Mrs. Chestnut. You are welcome to copy any emails to/from teachers to Mrs. Chestnut to keep her informed about any questions or concerns. Please check your email **daily** for important announcements and due dates.

### Attendance

You must log in daily between 12:00am and 11:59pm on any day that Wilson School District has school (please refer to the school calendar). You may log in on the weekends, as well. If you are unable to log in for any reason for three days or more, you must contact Mrs. Chestnut. Excuse blanks will need to be submitted within three days via scan/email/fax. Remember the expectation for daily work is

- ✚ 45 min/day/class for elementary (K-6) plus additional time for reading/worksheets
- ✚ 60 min/day/class for secondary (7-12)
- ✚ 75 min/day/class for Honors or AP level classes



Attendance is checked each day that Wilson has school.

### A Team Approach

WVA teachers work closely with Mrs. Chestnut to provide updates on grades and to provide the best program for **each** student.

While we continue to build our Wilson virtual course offerings, we utilize highly-qualified teachers from each of our course vendors, [Connections Learning](#) and [Edgenuity](#). We suggest contacting the course's teacher first to discuss any content questions or concerns. If you need further clarification, Mrs. Chestnut is available to work with the student and teacher to resolve any issues.

*Online learning requires a commitment on the part of the student to be self-motivated and self-disciplined. The parent(s) or guardian(s) also play an important role by checking on their student and asking questions about assignments, just like they would for a traditional student. Parent access to WVA progress reports can help a parent keep track of assignments and grades.*