

## What Is ACCESS Virtual Learning?

ACCESS Virtual Learning is an education initiative of the Alabama State Department of Education which provides opportunities and options for Alabama high school students to engage in Advanced Placement (AP), elective, and other courses to which they may not otherwise have access at NO COST!

## The ACCESS Vision

The state of Alabama will provide equal access to high-quality instruction to improve student achievement through virtual learning opportunities.

## ACCESS Virtual Learning Support Center Regions

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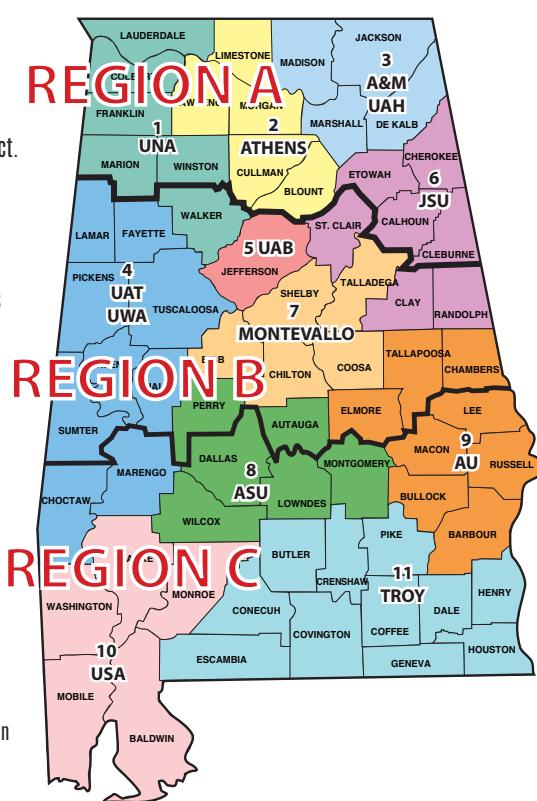
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### REGION B

The University of Alabama  
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## The ACCESS Objectives

- provide access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- provide access to additional electives
- Use existing resources and virtual learning offerings effectively, including sharing teachers between districts, to positively impact education statewide
- provide teachers with additional multimedia and technology tools to enhance instruction
- promote e-learning experiences for all students.

For more information, visit our Web site  
<http://accessdl.state.al.us> or contact your regional support center.



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# ACCESS VIRTUAL LEARNING



*A guide for...*

STUDENTS EDUCATORS  
COUNSELORS PARENTS



## Student and Parent Guide

### Why ACCESS Virtual Learning?

- Some schools have limited course offerings, making it difficult to offer all that is needed for an Alabama high school diploma.
- Students have access to 11 AP courses and multiple course levels of 5 foreign languages.
- All courses needed for an Alabama high school diploma are available.
- Each course is taught by Alabama certified teachers.

### Delivery Methods

- Web-based (WBI) – Online courses led by Alabama teachers
- Videoconferencing Instruction (VCI)
  - Taught in real time
- Blended – Utilizes a combination of WBI and VCI

*"I wasn't able to take AP History before, but with ACCESS Virtual Learning, I've been able to increase the rigor of my course load." – ACCESS Student*

### Student Characteristics

- Learners who are independent and computer literate
- Students with effective communication skills
- Students interested in online learning

## Counselor Guide

### Student Expectations

Students are expected to participate in daily learning activities, such as discussions, projects, labs, and group work. Virtual learning instructors guide students through courses that are Web-based or VCI-based that incorporate a blend of both delivery methods.

*"The ACCESS program has made me talk to students differently about college because before we didn't have much to offer them to challenge and prepare them to go straight to a 4-year college."*  
– School Counselor

### Advantages of ACCESS Virtual Learning

#### The Program Provides

- Courses to public school students free
- Courses to non-public students for a fee
- Expansion of local course offerings
- Foreign language courses
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Courses aligned to Alabama Courses of Study
- Alabama certified teachers and local facilitators who support both students and teachers
- Equal access to high-quality instruction
- Fifty courses approved by the NCAA

## Guide for Educators

### Advantages of Becoming an ACCESS Teacher

- Obtain training on 21st Century skills and technologies
- Share knowledge and expertise with students and teachers from across the state
- Facilitate collaboration among schools
- Receive compensation (per student per half credit) for work performed:
  - Web-based Instruction (WBI), taught outside regular school day: \$150.00
  - Blended, not taught as part of regular class load: \$150.00
  - Videoconferencing Instruction (VCI) taught as part of regular teaching: \$75.00
  - WBI or VCI, taught by retired or part-time teacher: \$150.00
  - VCI, delivered within teacher's local school system: None

We welcome teachers with a passion for education who are open to new perspectives and have a genuine commitment to putting students first.

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*"The world our students are coming into is so different from the one we entered. They're competing on a global level ... and ACCESS gives them a boost of confidence that they can compete in this way."*  
– ACCESS Teacher

## Credit Recovery and Credit Advancement

Credit Recovery and Credit Advancement courses are free to students enrolled in Alabama public schools in Grades 9-12. They are also available to non-public schools for a fee.

Local LEAs will determine how grades earned in Credit Recovery and Credit Advancement are applied based on their system policies. Students demonstrate mastery through pre- and post-testing, allowing them to move at a faster pace. Note that ACCESS Credit Recovery and Credit Advancement courses are **not accepted** by NCAA for eligibility purposes.

