



Frequently Asked Questions

About Blue Sky Virtual Academy (BSVA) & Online Education

What is BSVA and what does BSVA stand for?

BSVA is an alternative educational option provided by your local school district in partnership with the Ohio Valley ESC. The BSVA option is a rigorous academic program that will meet graduation requirements if completed successfully. BSVA stands for **Blue Sky Virtual Academy**.

Who can enroll at BSVA?

Any school district resident, after being enrolled by the local school district, between the ages of 5 and 22 can enroll in BSVA.

How much is tuition at BSVA?

BSVA is tuition free. There is no cost to the student or their family.

How will a student know what to do?

Every student that enrolls must go through a registration and an orientation process. Students may come to their local school district office or work with the Student Mentor through the registration process. During the orientation process, the Student Mentor will show them how to navigate the system, go over BSVA guidelines and expectations, and show them how to access various resources. If at any time a student has a question they may contact their Student Mentor or call us at 740-439-3558.

How will student's progress be monitored?

At BSVA each student is assigned a Student Mentor to be the main contact for the student and their family. The Student Mentor is responsible for monitoring the student's progress on a weekly basis and communicating progress/expectations with the student and their family. The student will have a teacher for each course that will be monitoring progress. The teacher will provide frequent feedback on the status of the student's progress.

The BSVA progress monitoring system has the capability for parents/guardians to monitor progress for all of their students.

Why do we assign a Student Mentor?

The Student Mentor monitors a student's progress across all courses which equals greater accountability and students have a single point of contact for all questions.

Do students attending BSVA have to meet the same standards as traditional schools?

Yes. Students enrolled in BSVA are required to take State Mandated Assessments and meet Graduation Requirements specified by their local school district and the State Board of Education. Students are also required to attend regularly.

How much time will a student spend doing school work during the day/year?

Students in grades K - 5 are expected to work 4 to 4.5 hours per school day.

Students in grades 6 - 12 are expected to work 5 to 5.5 hours per school day.

Students may work additional hours per day to “catch up” if they fall behind.

Students may work outside of the school day in the evenings or weekends as long as they are completing the required amount of time and work.

At the end of the school year students must have 920 hours of attendance (if they enrolled on the first day of school.)

If a student isn't done when the school year ends what will happen?

Students should request additional time prior to the course completion dates. This will need approval by the school administrator.

Can students enlist in the Military after graduation?

Yes, Students who complete the program successfully will receive a diploma from the local high school.

What if a student does not have access to a computer or the Internet?

This will be handled on an individual basis and may be addressed differently by each school district.

Students should contact the student mentor with these questions or concerns..

Are IEP services provided?

IEP services are provided through the Blue Sky Virtual Academy. IEPs have to be provided during the registration process so the BSVA Student Mentor can upload this information into the system.

Can students participate in extracurricular and co-curricular programs while attending Blue Sky Virtual Academy?

Yes, as part of the student's local school in which they are enrolled. Those students in grade 7 - 12 who wish to participate in district sponsored athletic activities must maintain their eligibility according to their local school district and OHSSA guidelines.

If a student chooses to participate in the BSVA, is he/she able to take any face-to-face classes in their home school?

The answer is yes under normal circumstances. Because COVID-19 has caused districts to submit their reopening plans, we would have to confirm with local districts their position for allowing a student to attend school in a traditional manner for one or two classes while taking other classes virtually.

Do students need to withdraw from their home school to participate in Blue Sky Virtual Academy?

No, actually students must be enrolled in their local school district to attend BSVA.

How do students register?

Registration can be completed by contacting the Ohio Valley ESC at (740)439-3558, Ext. 4239 or www.ovesc.org for a registration form. Registration links may also be provided on local school district websites. The Student Mentor will follow up with you.