



# Hello!

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## Who is Virtual Arkansas?

- Mission
  - Our mission is to equip, engage, and empower students through unique, digital opportunities.
- > Vision
  - We are the premier digital source delivering opportunities and building foundations for students achieving their dreams.
- Core Values
  - Students, Relationships, Integrity,
     Collaboration, Innovation, Quality



- Students are our focus.
- Students should have an opportunity for an excellent education.
- Positive relationships are foundational.
- Every student can succeed in a digital environment.
- A tailored approach is essential to meet student needs.
- Students should have access to a safe digital environment.
- Staff should be caring, effective, and professional.

## What do we provide?

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Virtual Arkansas has a continuous cycle of course and staff improvement. An example of this is an additional module this year that will assess student's prior knowledge upon enter the course and then help students fill in any learning gaps that may have occurred due to the COVID-19 school closures.



# Partnership

- Return memorandum of understanding document sent home
- ◆ Know and communicate with your student's facilitator
- ◆ Communicate often with your student about his/her course(s)
- ◆ Have your student show you his/her course(s) and coursework
- ◆ Encourage your student to set goals for his/her learning
- ◆ Communicate with the Virtual Arkansas teacher if you have any questions or concerns
- ◆ Communicate with Jennifer Pense, parent liaison, if you have any concerns that have not been addressed by your student's facilitator and/or teacher



# Now is the Time

August is a great time of the year. It may be a new start for your student with Virtual Arkansas or just a new course with us. Regardless, now is the time to start off right!

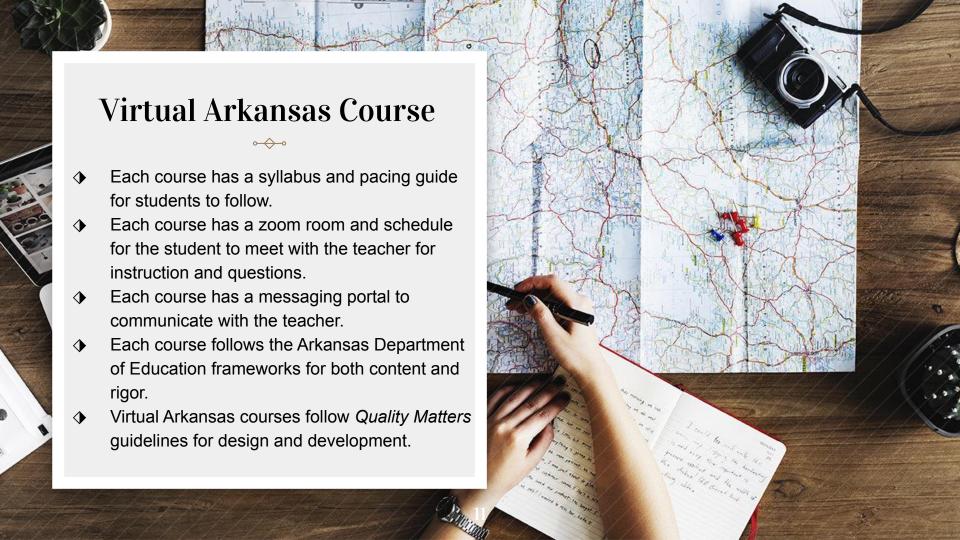


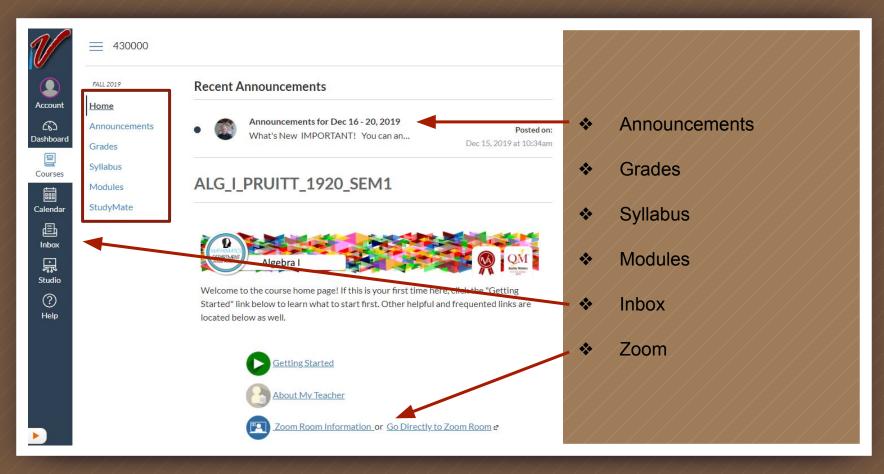
## Your student will:



- Participate in his/her course(s) through
  - > Announcements
  - Messages from the teacher
  - > Pacing guides
  - > Coursework
  - > Zoom sessions
  - Testing

All coursework can be accessed from any computer with internet, except exams.





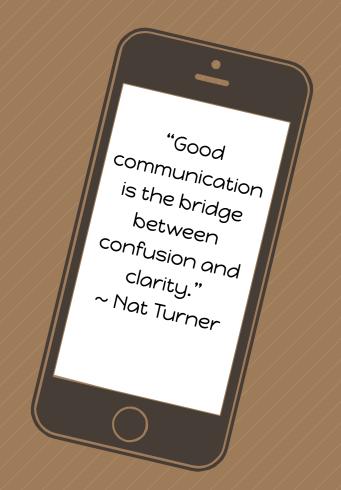
#### Communication



Parental involvement is an integral factor in student success and your partnership with Virtual Arkansas is very important to us.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

- 1. Reach out to the teacher for course and/or grade questions.
- Reach out to Jennifer Pense for questions outside of the course.
- Reach out to Kirsten Wilson for any unanswered questions or concerns.





# We are with you and your student in this! Parent/ Virtual student Local Arkansas School

## **Additional Resources**



**Course Catalog** 

Contact info for others in VA

<u>Student/Parent Guide for Zooming</u> (If student is blocked from downloading on school device, contact school Tech Dept)

Helpful best practices for students in Zoom



# Questions?

Please use the Q&A below to ask a question



## Thanks!

### Contact us anytime!

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