



ONLINE LEARNING IN BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

High School Bellingham Virtual Learning (BVL)

Bellingham Virtual Learning is a fully online learning option for high school students in Bellingham Public Schools. In BVL courses, students work independently through Edgenuity, the online curriculum. The BVL program is governed by Alternative Learning Experiences (ALE) state laws. These laws require students to make adequate progress, weekly and

monthly, to pass their classes. BVL teachers help with this monitoring.

Program structure: A core team of teachers and support staff serve all BVL high school students in the areas of English, math, science and social studies; a BVL coordinator supports elective courses. This team also manages student success plans.

BVL program guidelines and parameters

- BVL students can take classes at their home high school in combination with BVL with permission from their home high school administrators.
- Students with blended schedules are limited to eight periods each semester.
- Students will enroll in BVL by the second week of each semester and will remain enrolled for the semester. Students may transfer to another program or school in Bellingham Public Schools at the beginning of a new semester or grading term.
- Students in BVL can participate in their home high school athletics, student activities, and graduation ceremonies, etc.
- Students will apply for BVL through the BVL application.
- The BVL application must include appropriate signatures and course selection.
- Students will be enrolled through Options High School for BVL courses and be supported by staff supervised by Options High School administration.
- BVL staff will contact applicants to begin the BVL enrollment and scheduling process.
- In the fall of 2021, BVL students will be contacted by the BVL core team and complete an orientation.

Who does well with online learning?

Generally speaking, students who are:

- Well-organized with good time management skills
- Self-starters and intrinsically motivated
- Comfortable with technology
- Good problem solvers who can work through frustrations
- Strong readers

What is expected of students?

- Students are expected to log in and complete work daily.
- Full-time BVL students should complete eight (8) credits during the school year.

What are the steps for a student to sign up for BVL classes?

- Students should see their home high school counselor to register and complete the BVL application.



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