

Mt. Union Area School District

Academy for Customized Learning

AKA: The Virtual Academy



Program Background

Created 2004

Target:
Repeated junior
high failures

Goal: Students
back on grade
level

Program Expansion

Began 2009-10

Acceleration

Advanced
Placement

Career & Technical
Education

Cyber & Charter
School

Discipline

Dual Credit

Non-
traditional
Courses

Remediation

Scheduling
Conflicts

Summer
School

Summer
Program

Teacher
Shortage

Online Course Options

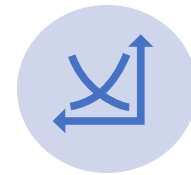
1300 Courses



Advanced Placement



Agriculture



Cores



Digital Arts



Electives



Engineering



Healthcare



Honors



World Language

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Summer Programs



Summer School

Limit 2 quarter-credit courses

Academically eligible

Averaged with 3 highest quarters

Original failed class remains transcript

8 half-day sessions (7:30-noon)

Daily grading

Junior & Senior High Courses



Summer Program

Original credit

½ credit sections

8 Weeks

Daily grading

Junior High & Senior High Courses

College Courses

Online Teaching Opportunities

Teacher Contract – Supplemental Pay



Complete specific platform training



Valid PA certification in each course subject



Reply to course advertisement email



Sign & return each course contract

Online Request Procedures

Official Request	Administrative Approval	Teacher Advertisement	Course Contracts	Course Enrollment
Parent/guardian	Online Coordinator	Email	Required signatures	Student account created
Student	Pupil Services	Course List	Parent/guardian	Course enrollment
Teacher	Superintendent	Teacher Response - effective school year	Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediately• 24 hours• 3-5 school days
Guidance			Teacher	
Administrator			Online Coordinator	

Course Contracts

Online Course Statistics

2009 to present

Students

1,886

2023-24
177

Courses

3,341

2023-24
611

Success
Rate

~95%

Dual Credit Partnerships

All students can access (ACE) college courses – for credit or not for credit

Juniata College

- On-campus courses

Mount Aloysius College

- ACE courses

Penn Highlands Community College

- ACE courses
- Online courses
- On-campus courses
- Associate in High School

Allegheny College of Maryland

- Pending Partnership

Penn State

- Pending Partnership

University of Pittsburgh

- Pending Partnership

Penn Highlands Degree Programs

Began fall 2012

Associate of Arts Degree (AHS)

- Liberal Arts & Science
- Grades 9-12
- 63 College Credits
 - 29 ACE \$68/credit
 - 34 Online \$312/credit
- Degree Tuition Cost
 - \$12,580

Pathways Program

- ACE Courses 9-12 Grade
- Attend PHs 1 year
- Choose AA/AAS Degree
- Block Payment

CATS Completer - AAS Degree

- Accounting – 12 credits
(Accounting)
- Business Management – 9
credits (Admin Asst/Sec Sci)
- Entrepreneurship – 15
credits (Ag Product, Admin Asst,
Account)
- Attend PHs 3 semesters

AHS Degree Program Statistics

First graduating class degree students 2016

31 Graduates

- 20 Honors Graduates (65%)
- Honors GPAs 3.5-4.0
 - Cum Laude 3.5-3.74
 - Magna Cum Laude 3.75 -3.99
 - Summa Cum Laude 4.0

Scholarship \$ Awarded \$3,235,000.00

- 9 Morrison Scholarship
 - \$300,000
- 2 Merci Scholarships
 - \$85,000
- 1 Lenfest Scholarship
 - \$48,000
- 3 Academic Scholarships
 - \$25,000-\$113,000

College Transfer credits

- 1752 credits earned
- 1177.50 credits transferred (75% Transferability)

No degree graduates in 2017

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Questions

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