

# Virginia Virtual Academy

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Virginia Senate Finance Education Subcommittee



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VIRTUAL ACADEMY<sup>SM</sup>

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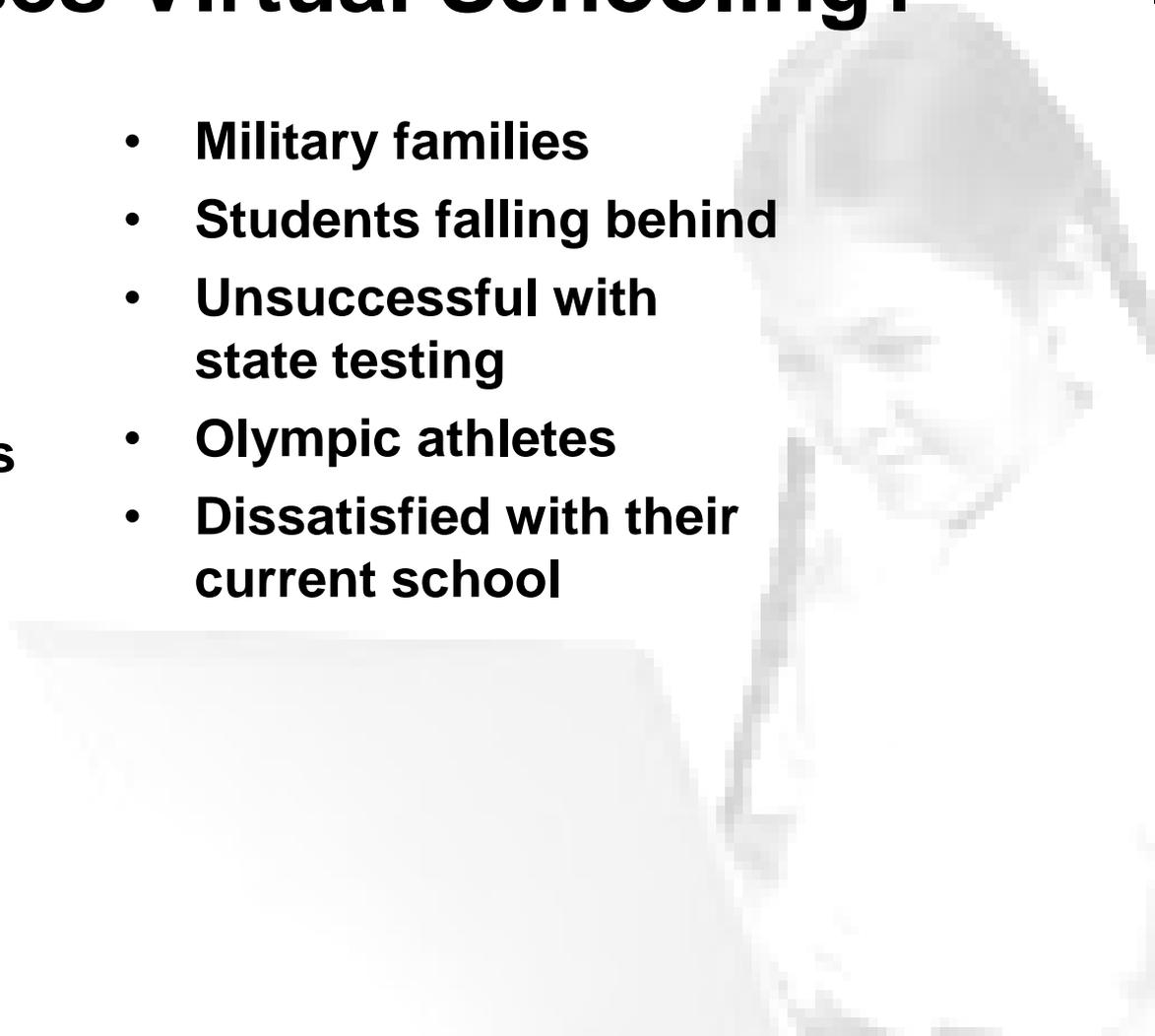
# Virginia Virtual Academy Timeline

- 2008-09** Carroll implements district-only program
- 2009-10** Carroll implements state-wide program – VAVA born (81 students K-8)  
Virtual School bill approved (2010)
- 2010-11** Carroll expands state-wide enrollment (400 students K-9)  
DOE approves K12 as a Multi Division Online Provider
- 2011-12** King & Queen allow state wide enrollment of pilot group of 32 students
- 2012-13** King & Queen (100 K-6), Buena Vista (100 K-2) & Carroll (365 K-8)  
Carroll School Board Elects 5 of 6 New Board Members
- Apr '13** New Carroll Board & New Superintendent fail to renew contract →  
400 students w/out seats for SY13-14
- 2013–14** King & Queen (100 K-2 only renewal) – charge \$500 per student  
Patrick (300 K-5 only renewal) – charge \$250 student
- 2014-15** King & Queen and Patrick renew – 560 total students



# Who Chooses Virtual Schooling?

- **Medically homebound**
- **Special education**
- **Autistic children**
- **ADHD**
- **Gifted education needs**
- **Overcrowding**
- **Bullying**
- **Military families**
- **Students falling behind**
- **Unsuccessful with state testing**
- **Olympic athletes**
- **Dissatisfied with their current school**





# Many opportunities to meet...

- **Apple School at Carter's Mountain in Charlottesville & Pumpkin Patch Picking in Virginia Beach & Centreville**
- **Governor's Mansion – Classroom Demonstration LIVE with Governor and First Lady**
- **Ice Skating and Gingerbread / Poetry and Art Contests in December in nine cities across the state**
- **Busch Gardens in Williamsburg; Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg**
- **Opening Day at Nationals Park – Virginia Virtual Academy Students Recognized by Announcer**
- **Amazement Square in Lynchburg with Andre Agassi & Steffi Graf**
- **Richmond: Science Museum of Virginia & Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**
- **Splashdown in Manassas, Bowling in several cities**
- **County Holiday Parades and Visited Retirement Home with Gifts and Stories**
- **Natural Bridge Zoo; Virginia Air and Space Center; Virginia Aquarium, Jamestown**
- **Guided Tour of The White House; student recognized by the President for Science Technology Innovation**
- **Invited to attended Education Conferences, Legislators Gatherings and Education Committee Meetings**
- **Smithsonian, Natural and American History, Dinosaurs of Patagonia and Kennedy Center**
- **Norfolk, Fredericksburg, VA Beach Food Banks– helped donate food and holiday goodies**
- **Tour of the Virginia State Capitol Building –Virginia Virtual Academy Students Recognized from floor of VA Senate and the House**



# Public School Requirements

- **990** hours of attendance
- **95%** mastery of objectives in all courses
- Monitored by Virginia certified teachers through our Online School
- Students must take SOL tests
- **Virginia certified teachers conduct classes daily**, meet regularly with students & Learning Coaches via phone, online Web conferences, synchronous instructional sessions, asynchronous content overviews, one on one tutoring & small group remediation, & in academic outings across state to supplement learning.

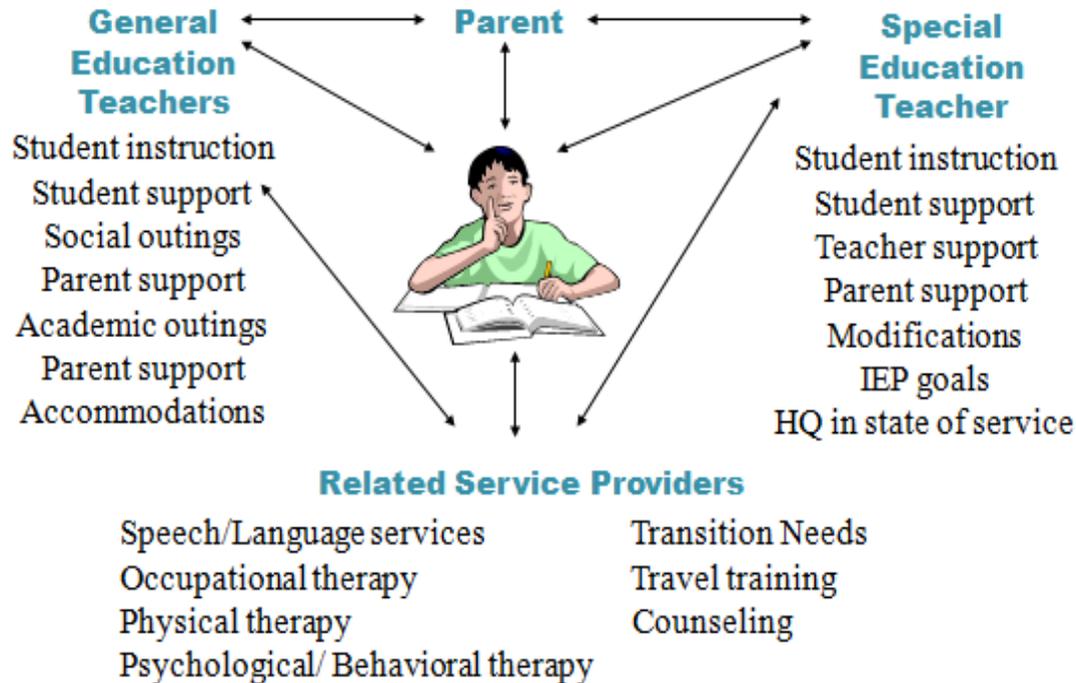


- **FULL day school program** - Six online courses aligned to SOL (Math, L/A, Science, History, art & music, world languages)
- **All courses approved by DOE / Multi-Division Online Provider (MOP) approval process established in 2011**
- **Re-approved as a MOP in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015**
- **AdvancED-accredited**
- Student material **shipped to family's home** (books, manipulative objects, paint, rocks & more !) for offline work & online lessons





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 Moderator


**Lulu Jones**  
 Moderator (You)

 John

 Mary

Mary 4:44 PM  
 I love coming to this class. ❤️

John 2:21 PM  
 I know - right, Mary. It's so fun!

Mary 2:22 PM  
 I really need some help with unit 4.

John 2:22 PM  
 That test was hard. 😊 I need a review, too.



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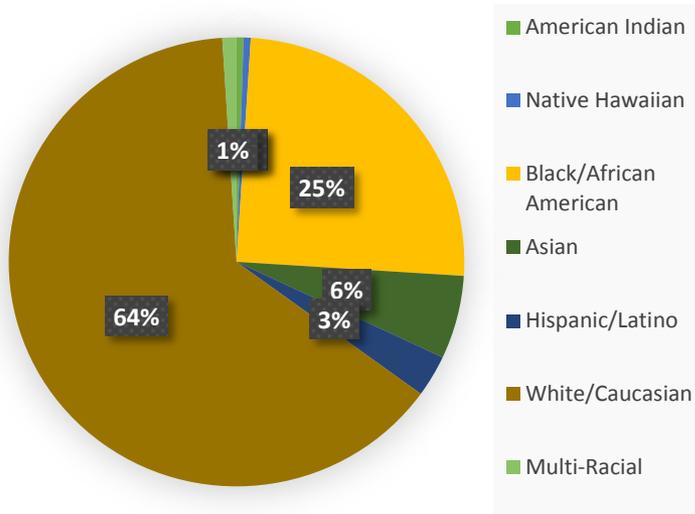
# Limitations of the Current Model

- Annual concern over district **contract renewals**; changes to a school board or superintendent can impact
- Grade level **caps** K-7
- **Enrollment number caps** – Students are denied access each school year. We have to cap our waitlist at 1,500 students because of demand for the school.
- Districts can charge **fees** - \$500
- **District enrollment approval limits student access**

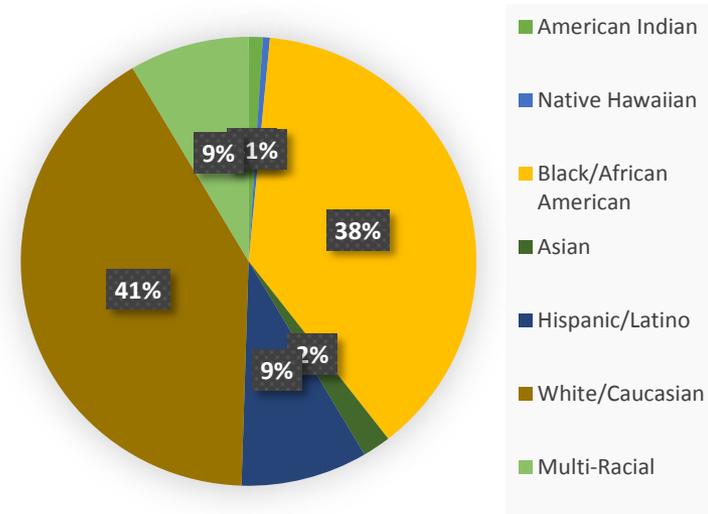


# Change in Demographics – District Selection

2015 Student Demographics



2010 Student Demographics





# Change in Demographics – District Selection

**2015**

**18%** military enrollment

**4%** special education

**44%** free and reduced  
meal qualification

**2010**

**12%** military enrollment

**25%** special education

**63%** free and reduced  
meal qualification



# Reform & Funding

## **Current model based on LCI of Enrolling District (Patrick/King&Queen)**

- Only certain districts can partner based on state SOQ payment per child
- Can create negative fiscal impact to the state
- Patrick: \$5,937 per student; King&Queen: \$5,192 per student

## **HB324 Passed in 2015 & Signed by Governor w/ Re-enactment Clause**

- District of enrollment or residence irrelevant
- Funding: state average SOQ + state sales tax per pupil (\$4,772 per student)
- Cost for administering program borne by DOE-vetted providers
- June 15 enrollment deadline - except active duty military families
- No more than 2% of students from any school district
- Sen. Carrico budget amendments