

# ROSSFORD VIRTUAL ACADEMY (RVA)

A completely online curriculum option for 2020-2021



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- The Rossford Virtual Academy (RVA) is a completely online option for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Curriculum for RVA is provided through NOVA (Northwest Ohio Virtual Academy).
- Students who participate in RVA are still enrolled as a Rossford Student. While RVA students will not attend classes on the physical campus, they are still welcome to participate in athletics and other district-sponsored activities as scheduling permits.
- RVA is available to all students K-12. All courses are self-paced and completely student-driven. It is highly recommended that younger students (kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) have an adult at home to serve as their learning partner and to help them navigate through the course.

# Navigating through NOVA

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- NOVA provides the curriculum for RVA through a user-friendly Learning Management System (LMS) called Buzz. Buzz is similar to other LMS such as Google Classroom.
- Students are assigned to courses by Rossford Staff.
  - There are different curriculum options within NOVA, such as Bright Thinker, eDynamics, and Lincoln Learning. The curriculum options assigned to students will be dependent upon the course and grade level.
  - Course assignments will be consistent with what is offered on-campus (see more details on the following slides).
- A teacher will be assigned to monitor completion and grade assignments when necessary. This teacher will also serve as a point of contact for students and parents if they are having difficulty navigating through the course or encounter any technical issues.
- It is important that families know that these courses will be self-driven. It will be the responsibility of the student, with the support of their parent, to continue working through the lessons and curriculum. Parents will be responsible for keeping track of their child's progress and ensuring that students are completing the lessons. Students opting in the Rossford Virtual Academy through NOVA will need to be self-starters who can work through the curriculum with their parents.

# Rossford Virtual Academy **Elementary** Courses, **Grades K-5**

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A checkmark (✓) in the chart below indicates that the course listed is available in the On-Campus or RVA learning environment.

<b>Course</b>	<b>On-Campus</b>	<b>Rossford Virtual Academy</b>
English (Language Arts)	✓	✓
Math	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓
Social Studies	✓	✓
Special Areas, such as art, music, and physical education	✓	✓

# Jr/Sr High School Courses, Grades 6-8

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A checkmark (✓) in the chart below indicates that the course listed is available in the On-Campus or RVA learning environment. Please note, RVA does not offer Advanced English for grades 6-8, or an advanced math option for grades 6 and 7.

Course	On-Campus	Rossford Virtual Academy
English (Language Arts) 6, 7, 8	✓	✓
<i>Advanced</i> English 6, 7, 8	✓	
Math	✓	✓
<i>Advanced</i> Math 6, 7	✓	
Algebra I (Advanced Math for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓
Social Studies	✓	✓
Electives*	✓	✓*

\*RVA will offer a wide variety of electives. If an elective a student chose is unavailable through RVA, they will be contacted to make an alternative selection.

# Jr/Sr High School Courses, Grades 9-12

A checkmark (✓) in the chart below indicates that the course listed is available in the On-Campus or RVA learning environment. Please note, RVA does not offer College Credit Plus (CCP) or Advanced Placement (AP) options.

Course	On-Campus	Rossford Virtual Academy
English (Language Arts) 9-12 and <i>Honors</i> English 9-12	✓	✓
Math 9-12 and <i>Honors</i> Math Courses 9-12	✓	✓
Social Studies and <i>Honors</i> Social Studies Courses 9-12	✓	✓
Science And <i>Honors</i> Science Courses 9-12	✓	✓
Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	✓	
College Credit Plus (CCP) Courses	✓	
Electives*	✓	✓*

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## VIDEO: An Overview of NOVA

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- This 34-minute video below explains the difference between two of the online learning curricula that NOVA uses. One is Lincoln Learning (K-12) and the other is Bright Thinker (grades 3-12). This informational video first explains the differences, then goes into what it looks like. Including...
  - How to log in at 3 minutes and 45 seconds into the piece
  - What courses look like for students at beginning at 4 minutes and 30 seconds
  - What the parent's access looks like to check on work being turned in, grades, credits etc. from 5 minutes to 8 minutes.
  - At 15:40 seconds we see what English Language Arts 2 class looks like and the beginning of a lesson.
  - The rest of the video shows different lessons, curriculum and even a lab assignment.

[Link to NOVA Informational Video](#)

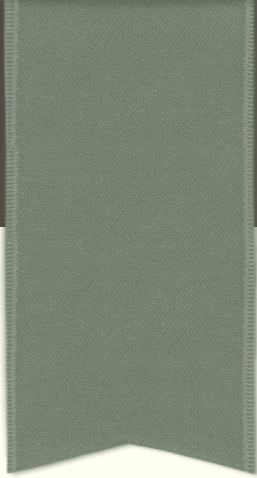
## VIDEOS: Sample Lessons

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The links below are provided by NOVA and will give you a glimpse into online learning.

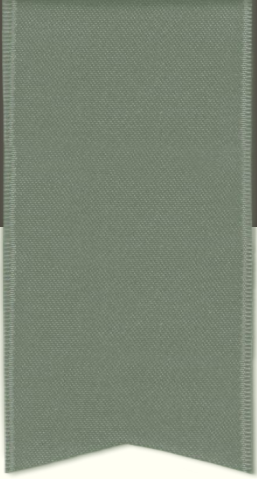
- This video shows Lincoln content for Elementary students exclusively. They log in and show what Language Arts looks like in second grade. The clip describes the daily tasks, as well as different tools and features to this online learning.
  - [Link to 2nd Grade Video](#)
- This video is Lincoln content for grades 6-12. They walk through a physical science course covering how to log in and providing an overview of the lesson structure.
  - [Link to HS Science Course Video](#)





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please see answers to frequently asked questions on the following slides.



# HOW DO I SIGN MY CHILD UP FOR ROSSFORD VIRTUAL ACADEMY (RVA)?

You have until Friday, August 7 to opt your child into the Rossford Virtual Academy through NOVA. You can opt in through this link:

[Click here to sign your child up for the Rossford Virtual Academy](#)



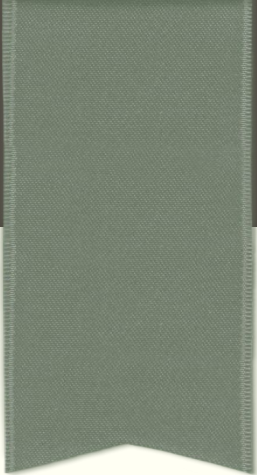
# IF WE SELECT RVA, WILL A TEACHER BE AVAILABLE TO HELP MY CHILD?

A teacher will be assigned to monitor completion and grade assignments if required. The teacher will serve as the parent and student's primary contact if they have technical issues navigating through the course. The teacher does not provide instruction or assistance with the actual content.



# WILL THE SCHOOL PROVIDE A DEVICE FOR RVA?

Yes. Rossford Schools will provide Chromebooks to all students who opt-in to RVA for the 2020-2021 school year.



# WHEN WILL MY CHILD GET THEIR CHROMEBOOK?

Rossford Schools is providing devices for students in our Rossford Virtual Academy. Pick up is August 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. If your child is in K-5, pickup is at Rossford Elementary School, if your child is in grades 6-12 pickup will be at the junior-senior high school.



# DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO SIGN ON AT A CERTAIN TIME OF THE DAY?

The content is self-paced and can be completed whenever it is most convenient for your family. Students are not required to be logged on for a certain amount of time on any given day. Content is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



# WHAT IF WE CHANGE OUR MINDS?

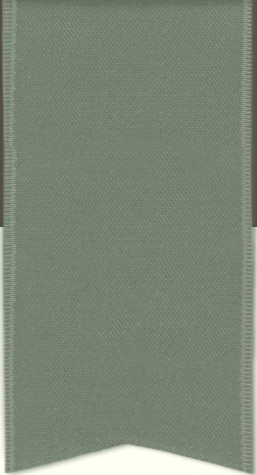
RVA is a yearlong commitment, with the option to flip to the on-campus option between the first and second semesters (first semester ends Jan. 14, second semester begins on Jan. 19). Students are not able to change at any other point during the year.



# WHAT IF THE ON-CAMPUS SITUATION CHANGES?

If the learning environment shifts from hybrid to remote, or from hybrid to five days on campus, students who opt-in to RVA will remain in RVA. Students are not permitted to switch, except for at the semester break.





# WILL MY CHILD BE PREPARED IF WE SWITCH BACK TO ON-CAMPUS AT THE SEMESTER BREAK IF WE CHOOSE TO DO SO?

One of the benefits of the NOVA curriculum is that the sequence of instruction can be adjusted in many courses to align with the order that things are taught in school. The ability to adjust the sequence of the instruction will be beneficial for students who choose to flip from RVA to on-campus at the semester break. While the on-campus and RVA curriculums are different, the content is largely the same.



# MY CHILD HAS A DISABILITY AND HAS AN IEP. CAN HE/SHE STILL CHOOSE NOVA?

Absolutely. Following the opt-in deadline, parents of students with disabilities will be contacted to discuss necessary adjustments to their child's educational program and related special education services. In the meantime if you have questions regarding special education services, please contact Erin Perry, Director of Student Services at [eperry@rossfordschools.org](mailto:eperry@rossfordschools.org).



# WE SIGNED UP FOR RVA, WHY DID WE GET A COHORT ASSIGNMENT?

All students were assigned a cohort for hybrid learning. The deadline to select RVA is not until August 7<sup>th</sup> at which time PowerSchool will be updated to reflect RVA, rather than a cohort assignment. If you received an email with a cohort assignment, please disregard.



## IF WE SIGN UP FOR RVA, DO I NEED TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

You will not need to send any supplies into school or pay the \$35 school supply fee. All of the content within RVA can be completed digitally, but you may want to have basic supplies such as crayons and pencils on hand depending on your child's age and grade.



# WILL MY CHILD INTERACT WITH OTHER STUDENTS THROUGH RVA?

No, students will not interact with other students when completing the online instructional program. RVA students are able to participate in district-sponsored extra-curricular activities and athletics.



# WE SIGNED UP FOR RVA ONLINE... WHAT'S NEXT?

On August 10<sup>th</sup> parents who opted-in to NOVA will receive a confirmation email. Device pickup will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and RVA will be up and running on August 20<sup>th</sup> for students to begin their courses.



# WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have additional questions, please contact Megan Spangler, Director of Curriculum at [mspangler@rossfordschools.org](mailto:mspangler@rossfordschools.org).