Virtual Prince William (VPW)

Virtual Prince William (VPW) offers personalized learning that provides freedom and flexibility, empowering students to achieve their educational goals in balance with the demands of their personal lives, and the opportunity to drive their learning to become responsible, contributing global citizens. VPW provides a unique opportunity for students to earn high school credit in an online, asynchronous classroom. Students and instructors communicate within the learning management system and via PWCS Office 365 email accounts. Students experience high-quality standards-based courses taught by certified PWCS instructors. All courses are aligned with PWCS and Virginia SOL objectives. VPW instructors provide direct instruction to students online and communicate directly with parents to help ensure student success. VPW courses are NCAA approved as nontraditional courses.

The goals of Virtual Prince William are to:

- Empower students to learn independently and at a flexible pace
- Offer students an alternative to the traditional classroom
- Enable students to fulfill course requirements and achieve academic success
- Allow students to recover credit, earn additional credit, or take electives
- Prepare participating students for Virginia Standards of Learning tests
- Enhance student use of new and emerging technologies

Criteria for success in online courses include:

- Personal commitment to learn
- Self-motivation
- Independent learner
- Computer literate
- Time management skills
- Computer with proper configuration

Courses are offered during three terms: fall, spring, and summer. Students earn full course credit in a semester paced course. Courses run based on enrollment and may be canceled due to low enrollment or close when enrollment reaches the maximum student/teacher ratio. For more information, visit the <u>Virtual Prince William</u> website.