



Media Release

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Online Learning (formerly Distributed Learning or DL) is on the move ...

Beginning in the Fall of 2022, vLearn Online Learning will be both a virtual and a physical school that will operate out of Fulton Secondary. vLearn holds an Online Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education, which allows the school to operate as a public Online Learning School.

Students choose vLearn for flexible, personalized pathways to earning the BC Dogwood or to upgrade in preparation for post-secondary school. vLearn offers a variety of courses to youth and adult learners within School District 22 (Vernon). To date, the boundaries have been permeable however, they will become in-district only, as of the Fall of 2023.

The school offers elementary programming from Kindergarten through Grade 7; and courses from grades 8 through 12 in English and French 8, 9, and 10 and intro-Spanish 11. Gr. 8 and 9 students can choose from the four core academics and Physical Health Education (PHE), as well as, an elective rotation of Foods, Applied Design, Skills, & Technologies (ADST), and Careers; and for Grad Program students (Grades 10-12), they can choose from 64 courses at the grade 10-12 level, all of which align with the BC Curriculum.

Currently vLearn enrolls 230 full-time students and serves an additional 692 part-time students who are actively participating in their learning under the guidance of 13 teachers, for a full-time equivalent (FTE) of approximately 9.1 teachers. A School-based resource teacher (SBRT), a North Okanagan Youth & Family Services Society (NOYFSS) counsellor, and an Indigenous Support Worker (ISW), all of whom support students' academic and social emotional needs.

vLearn Online also offers ten Academies such as: golf, dance, soccer, volleyball, baseball, hockey, Quest, Nordic skiing, Freestyle skiing and Alpine skiing.

Open Door is the only school that provides Continuous Education (CE) and Adult Graduation (AG) options.

vLearn Online is continuous entry – students can enroll at any time during the school year and have one calendar year to complete a course. This 'anywhere, anytime' asynchronous instructional model allows students to combine online courses with in-person courses, thus providing flexibility for students to take additional courses or design their schedules to meet the demands of athletic and arts programs and work schedules.

vLearn provides engaging, and interactive learning experiences for students in a blended model of online and in-person learning with the option for students to study entirely remotely online. All instruction is delivered through the Moodle Learning Management System platform, which is accessible via the internet. In the Fall, local students will have the option of visiting the vLearn Centre at Fulton Secondary School (Vernon). There are also Online mentors and support teachers at each secondary school.

vLearn offers students access to in-person opportunities to engage in support from our network of vLearn teachers; however, students are not required to attend the vLearn Fulton Centre in person for any part of their learning. Everything teachers offer in-person is also offered vLearn online through Microsoft Teams, Google, or Zoom. Teachers use Microsoft Teams or Zoom to engage in video conferencing with students during which time teachers provide learning and technological support, invigilate tests, and conduct live one-on-one dynamic assessments with students. vLearn prides itself on our tradition of being flexible and creative in our approaches to supporting learners and meeting learners where they are. Teachers intentionally weave relationship and community building opportunities into courses through teacher-student engagement requirements.

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