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# CT Virtual High School Consortium

*A Program of the Regional Educational Service Centers RESC Alliance*

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In 2002, the Alliance of Regional Educational Service Centers offered the first statewide program for online education. Now in its sixth year, the RESC Alliance is pleased to offer the largest statewide movement toward online education, bringing online courses to almost 400 students each semester.

Virtual High School (VHS) provides a wealth of quality online education options for high school students and teachers. Through VHS, schools expand their educational offerings and students expand their worldview as they attend class with students from across the country and around the world. Students gain access to a wide variety of courses not typically available in their local schools and have the flexibility to take these courses anytime and anywhere as best fits their schedule.

VHS, CREC and our member schools work together to build valuable solutions including professional development training, challenging, student-centered courses and engaging enrichment programs that address critical educational needs. As a majority of educators agree, good education continues to be about the relationship between teachers and students, and VHS constantly dedicates efforts to improve that relationship.

**By joining VHS, schools will:**

- Instantly expand course offerings available to their students, making available innovative, high-quality courses that they might not otherwise have been able to offer, without the cost of adding onsite classes.
- Meet diverse student learning interests and needs by offering a full catalog of over 200 unique courses.
- Eliminate scheduling conflicts by allowing students to take VHS courses whenever and wherever the course fits into their daily schedule.
- Provide opportunities for students to learn global, 21st Century skills while locally attending their own school.
- Enhance face-to-face, as well as online teaching expertise, by participating in the VHS professional development training courses.



**Turn over for new Best Practices in Online Teaching and Learning courses and benefits of consortium membership.**

## **New this year:**

We are happy to announce a new series of workshops - *Best Practices in Online Teaching and Learning* - geared toward any teacher or administrator interested in learning best practices for teaching in an online environment. Participants do not have to be involved in VHS to take advantage of this opportunity. See separate flier for more information. The topics are:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning
- Web-enhanced Classroom
- Online-extended Teaching
- Web 2.0: Collaborative Instruction
- Becoming an Online Teacher

## **Benefits of Consortium Membership:**

- Discounted Pricing - Through the CT VHS Consortium, schools save on annual membership fees.
- Greater Flexibility - The consortium model allows Connecticut schools the flexibility of different membership options. Schools can purchase individual seats, become full members with a teacher offering an online course, or share memberships with other local districts.
- Peer Support/User Group Forums - Teachers and Site Coordinators can benefit from meeting with their peers across the region. These meetings, also attended by VHS representatives, will offer an opportunity for sharing strategies, best practices and success stories across districts.
- Coordination/Support - Your RESC will facilitate the exchange of seats across districts, support your district's Site Coordinator, and assist with logistical questions.

## **To Learn More:**

Contact Cara Hart at CREC at 860-524-4021 or [chart@crec.org](mailto:chart@crec.org). Ms. Hart can answer your questions about membership and pricing, and direct you to the VHS representative in your region.

