

# Tipton Virtual Academy



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Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC) offers three virtual learning options: Tipton Virtual Academy (TVA), Tipton Virtual Academy Plus (TVA+), and Tipton Virtual Academy Hybrid (TVAH).

A student may be offered a virtual learning opportunity if that student is in good academic standing, has demonstrated academic achievement and exhibited good attendance OR provides credible documentation from a professional stating a virtual option is in the best interest of the student. Each individual request will be reviewed by the TCSC administration to determine the appropriate academic placement.

**Students must have access to a reliable internet connection to participate in this program.** TCSC is partnering with EdOptions Academy, Indiana Online Academy, and Edmentum, a completely accredited virtual school, to meet the needs of all virtual students.

## Platforms:

### Tipton Virtual Academy

#### **Grades K-5 Using EdOptions**

- Daily interaction with an EdOptions teacher
- Grade level appropriate material in all core subject areas including select specials classes
- Consistent communication between EdOptions teacher, student, student's family, and the digital learning coordinator.
- Report card will be issued from Tipton Elementary School (TES)
- Must Participate in all state mandated assessments including, but not limited to, IREAD-3 (grades 2 and 3), ILEARN (grades 3-5), and, Dyslexia testing (grades K-2)

#### **Grades 6-12 Using Edmentum**

- Self-paced lessons in all subject areas-minimum of 8 weeks per subject
- Check-ins with Digital Learning Coordinator
- Report card issued from Tipton High School (THS) or Tipton Middle School (TMS)
- TCSC Transcript/TCSC Diploma
- Must Participate in all state mandated assessments including, but not limited to, ILEARN, PSAT, and SAT.
- Not permitted to participate in afterschool activities or clubs

## **Tipton Virtual Academy Plus**

### **Grades 9-12 Indiana Online/Edmentum**

- Indiana Online for all core content classes that include English, Math, Science, and Social Studies taught by a certified teacher
- Elective Classes through Edmentum
- Students must participate in a minimum of 7 classes per semester and remain on track for a Core 40 Diploma
- Report Cards issued through Tipton High School
- TCSC Transcript/TCSC Diploma
- Must Participate in all state mandated assessments including, but not limited to, ILEARN Biology, PSAT, and SAT
- Check-ins with Digital Learning Coordinator
- May participate in afterschool activities and clubs, but is expected to abide by TCSC Athletic Eligibility Requirements, Athletics Code of Conduct and Board Policy 2430 - Corporation-Sponsored Clubs And Activities

## **Tipton Virtual Academy Hybrid**

### **Grades 9-12 Indiana Online/Traditional TCSC Classes**

- Indiana Online for all core content classes that include English, Math, Science, and Social Studies taught by a certified teacher
- Elective Classes through Edmentum and/or TCSC
- Students must participate in a minimum of 7 classes per semester and remain on track for a Core 40 Diploma
- At least half of the classes each semester must be completed in-person
- Report Cards issued through Tipton High School
- TCSC Transcript/TCSC Diploma
- Must Participate in all statewide assessments including, but not limited to, ILEARN Biology, PSAT, and SAT.
- Check-ins with Digital Learning Coordinator (TMS Assistant Principal)
- May participate in afterschool activities and clubs, but is expected to abide by TCSC Athletic Eligibility Requirements, Athletics Code of Conduct and Board Policy 2430 - Corporation-Sponsored Clubs And Activities

## Program Definitions:

**Grade Levels:** K-12

**Hardware Needed:** All TCSC virtual students will be provided an iPad (K-2) or chromebook (3-12). Students will check out these devices, as all TCSC students do, and will be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

**Eligibility:** All TCSC enrolled and out of district transfer students are eligible to participate in Tipton Virtual Academy with parent permission.

**Staffing:** The Digital Learning Coordinator will monitor TVA, TVA+, TVAH and their learning platforms. Individual student schedules will be developed with the assistance of school counselors or assistant principals at TES, TMS, and THS. High school counselors will monitor credit needs to ensure students remain on track for graduation.

**Enrollment:** Registration must be completed within the first twenty-five (25) school days of the start of each semester. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of administration.

**Student Responsibilities:** Students must attend an orientation either in person or virtually as specified by the Digital Learning Coordinator. Students are expected to work on their courses **off campus**. **Students will need to be in person for all state and district level accountability assessments.**

## Tipton Virtual Academy, Tipton Academy Virtual Plus and Tipton Academy Hybrid Policies:

**Student Registration:** To register for the TVA, TVA+s or TVAH, parents are asked to register online and choose the virtual option. Upon completion of online registration, parents/students will be contacted and interviewed by the Digital Learning Coordinator or building level assistant principal. Registration can be submitted at the website below:

<https://tcsc.jotform.com/231984133514152>

**Honor Roll, National Junior Honor Society, & National Honor Society:** Students in TVA (all 3 options) are eligible for all honor rolls, National Junior Honor Society, and National Honor Society under the same policies and conditions as all TCSC students.

**If a student is coded “In-Attendance Virtual” for 50% or more of one semester of High School, they will not be eligible for Top 10 or Valedictorian/Salutatorian honors.**

**Requirements for State and Local Testing:** All students are required to take all mandatory state and local testing, including but not limited to: SAT, PSAT, CogAT, i-Ready, ILEARN, and IREAD-3. All data from the student’s testing will be included in the data with his/her assigned school. Full-time students must comply with all TCSC Student Testing guidelines listed in the code of conduct. **Testing locations will be determined by the school counselor or Digital Learning Coordinator and information will be shared with students and parents.**

### **Platforms:**

**EdOptions:** Students are assigned an EdOption’s instructor for each course they are enrolled in. Students are expected to interact with their EdOptions teacher each day school is in session. The EdOptions teacher (not a TCSC employee) will communicate regularly with the student and family to support their academic needs (including following IEPs and 504 plans).

**Edmentum:** Students will work completely self-paced, asynchronous through the online program. There are no required hours, but students are expected to maintain a reasonable pacing schedule in order to complete coursework on time. Students must also maintain their own attendance with the Digital Learning Coordinator via a Google Form Attendance Sheet.

**Indiana Online:** Students participate in live, synchronous classes with a certified Indiana Online educator. Students are enrolled in a core content area Indiana Online they will interact with a teacher four days each week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday). Wednesdays serve as office hours for students who need additional support. Grades and attendance are recorded by your Indiana Online teacher.

### **Required Hours:**

- **TVA Grades K-5** Utilizes Edmentum’s synchronous EdOptions Platform.
- **TVA Grades 6-12** Utilizes the asynchronous Edmentum Platform.
- **TVA+ Grades 9-12** Utilizes Indiana Online (synchronous) for English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes. Elective classes are taught utilizing Edmentum Platform (asynchronous).

- **TVA Hybrid Grades 9-12** Utilizes Edmentum or Indiana Online Platforms for core content or elective classes, but allows students to participate in any “in-person” classes at Tipton High School. This platform is primarily used for students transitioning from the homeschool setting who have an interest in attending part of the day at THS.

**Attendance for Students:** Students are required to work consistently and to follow the pacing provided in EdOptions Academy, Indiana Online and/or Edmentum. Students may complete more than what the pacing suggests each week and are encouraged to do so.

Students will be designated “In Attendance Virtual,” for attendance reporting to the state of Indiana through PowerSchool. Once again, students must maintain pacing guidelines suggested by each program. Failure to do so will result in following steps:

- Students will be placed on a two-week probationary period in which they will have that time frame to show that TVA is the proper fit for their educational needs by logging in daily and getting their programs on track.
- Failure to show progress during this two-week timeframe on the online platform will result in the student being required to return to school for in-person learning half-day in our Tipton Achievement Academy room for a mandatory two-week probationary period. This measure is intended to provide a more structured and supportive environment to help the student succeed.
  - If a student accumulates ten unexcused absences at any point following this in-person transition, the school will move forward with our attendance policy with referrals, DCS for educational neglect, and/or probation.
  - If the student demonstrates consistent attendance and engagement, they will be presented with two options moving forward:
    1. Continue in-person learning on a half-day schedule, or
    2. Return to virtual learning, with the clear understanding that attendance and participation expectations must be strictly followed.

**EdOptions Academy/Edmentum uses this Definition of Cyberbullying:**

Cyberbullying is the use of the internet and related technologies (cell phones, smart phones, etc.) to harass, hurt, embarrass, or humiliate other people. Using these

technologies to act or speak in a deliberate, repeated, and hostile manner with the intent to harm others is also cyberbullying or cyberstalking.

## Grading Policies:

Course pacing and length will mirror the traditional school format of four (4), nine- (9) week grading periods and two (2) semesters. Course content (High School Only): All semester-based courses are one (1) credit.

### **Grading Scale K-12:**

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| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89  |
| C | 70-79  |
| D | 60-69  |
| F | 0-59   |

### **Grading Scale K-5 Special Area Classes**

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| S+ | 90-100 |
| S  | 80-89  |
| S- | 70-79  |
| U  | 69-0   |

**Student Advancement and Graduation:** Students must meet the already established requirements to advance to the next grade level or to graduate with a diploma from TCSC. TVA, TVA+, and TVA+H students are eligible to participate in annual commencement exercises.

**Teacher of Record:** Full-time virtual students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) will maintain their TCSC teacher of record. The teacher of record will be responsible for all student needs associated with their IEP.

**Graduation Requirements (High School Only):** The student's assigned guidance counselor will be responsible for scheduling and for guidance with graduation requirements, including planning their Graduation Pathway. TVA, TVA+ and TVA+H students are expected to graduate with a Core 40 Diploma and must maintain at least 7 classes per semester with 4 being in core content (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA).

**Transcripts and Grade Reports for Grades 9-12:** Students and parents may access the student's unofficial transcript in Edmentum's Student Information System (SIS) by selecting the Transcript option from the main menu. Grade reports for teacher-led courses (Indiana Online, EdOptions, and TCSC Courses) will be issued at the same time that all other TCSC students receive their grade reports (end of each 9 Weeks). Self-paced courses will only have grades updated to the TCSC PowerSchool gradebook at the end of each semester. Teacher-led courses will have grades updated on a more regular basis and can be found on PowerSchool or Indiana Online. Parents may request grade reports from the Digital Learning Coordinator.

**Right to Privacy Policy:** TCSC, Indiana Online Academy, and EdOptions Academy/Edmentum respect a student's right to privacy by following the guidelines as set forth in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This law protects the privacy of a student's educational records. TCSC and EdOptions Academy must have written permission from the student or legal guardian to release information from that student's educational record.

**Extra Curricular/Co-Curricular Considerations:** Students enrolled in the TVA+ or TVAH may participate in afterschool activities and clubs. Virtual students are expected to abide by TCSC Athletic Eligibility Requirements, Athletics Code of Conduct and Board Policy 2430 - Corporation-Sponsored Clubs And Activities

**Defiance of Authority/Insubordination:** Disobedience or noncompliance toward any staff member of the EdOptions Academy, Indiana Online Academy, or TCSC is considered insubordination. That includes refusal to maintain communication with EdOptions Academy, Indiana Online Academy, and TCSC staff. An act of insubordination may occur in any situation or communication, including, but not limited to, in an email, during a phone conversation, or in person.

If defiance of authority or insubordination is found, the following consequences will result:

- First offense: Referral to a guidance counselor
- Second offense: Referral to administration for possible withdrawal from the virtual program

**Computer Misuse:** Any student who attempts to access the secure information of EdOptions Academy, Indiana Online Academy, or PLATO Learning, Inc. or its affiliates in an improper manner, uses another student's or staff member's login information to

gain access to information, intentionally attempts to obtain access to areas or information not open to normal access, or engages in any act similar to the above, has committed a computer misuse. If computer misuse is found, the following consequences will result:

- First offense: Depending on the nature of the offense, the consequences can include a written warning, referral to a guidance counselor, suspended access Edmentum or other virtual instruction platforms, or administrative referral for possible withdrawal from the virtual program and required to attend school in person.
- Second offense: Referral to the administration for possible withdrawal from the virtual program and required to attend school in person.

**Deviation from the Above Consequences:** Notwithstanding anything in this policy to the contrary, the EdOptions Academy and Indiana Online Academy reserve the right to modify the consequences or action taken against a student violating this policy. It is our partners' sole discretion for reasons including, but not limited to, the severity of, or damages caused by, the violation or to ensure compliance with applicable law.

**Anti-Bullying Policy:** Cyber bullying, or bullying in any form, is not acceptable behavior for any student enrolled in classes at the TVA/EdOptions Academy. Any student found to be involved in these activities will immediately be withdrawn from the Virtual Academy.

**Internet Acceptable Use Policy:** The internet is a compilation of many networks that support the open exchange of information for research and educational purposes. The internet can be accessible to anyone, from anywhere, at any time. Students must understand that by using the network, their actions can be monitored by a teacher or administrator.

**Internet Terms and Conditions of Use:**

1. Users will not be abusive in EdOptions Academy messages to others. They will not use offensive, obscene, or harassing language when using any EdOptions Academy, Indiana Online Academy, or its affiliates' systems or software.
2. Users will not reveal personal addresses or phone numbers of other users.
3. Users will not post information if it violates the policy of others, jeopardizes the health and safety of students, plagiarizes the work of others, is a commercial advertisement, or is not approved by the teacher or school administrator. Users will accept responsibility for all materials they link to or upload.
4. Users shall promptly report any inappropriate material they receive.

5. Users will not attempt to log in to the network using any other user's name and password.
6. Users accept and acknowledge that additional documents and paperwork may be required, including but not limited to documents requiring agreement and signature upon the request of EdOptions Academy administration.
7. Any and all student-produced Web pages will be subject to the approval of the teacher or school administrator.
8. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user or agency. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
9. In the event of a virtual field trip, all users will conduct themselves in accordance with the policy or agreement applicable to the field trip.