

The Virtual High School

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Abstract: The VHS (Virtual High School) project is a collaborative of high schools from across the United States. In exchange for contributing a small amount of teaching time, a school in the collaborative can offer its students over one hundred NetCourses ranging from advanced academic courses to technical and specialized courses. Each school provides a VHS site coordinator who is responsible for project management and support of teachers and students at their local school. The VHS grant provides training, software, and technical and administrative support. Each school can enroll up to 20 students for each course a teacher contributes. Quality of teaching is maintained by requiring each teacher to successfully complete The Teachers Learning Conference, a graduate-level NetCourse designed to give participants exposure to the best educational strategies and technologies for NetCourse teaching. The VHS will become a membership organization after the funding ends.