



# Virtual Schoolhouse

High Quality Alternative Educational Experience

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Dear Virtual Schoolhouse Parents:

Welcome to Virtual Schoolhouse. One of many important messages that we want to share with you is commitment and obligation to significantly increase the reading and mathematics performance of each and every student. Based on the results from the Spring 2008 achievement tests, we have confirmed that we did not meet the federal performance standards established by the No Child Left Behind Act and have been placed in the status of Academic Emergency/School Improvement Year 4.

Virtual Schoolhouse has received this rating due to the population that we aim to service. Our school is comprised of approximately 50% special education students and 100% at risk students. It is our mission to service these students. Currently the Ohio Department of Education is creating a method called "Value Added Progress" to assess the academic progress for students who are at risk.

If in the future you would like to view our VSH report card, it is posted on our website. The address to our website is [www.virtualschoolhouse.org](http://www.virtualschoolhouse.org). Additionally, you may always come into the center and request another copy for yourself.

We have engaged and will continue a major planning and implementation effort to substantially improve those scores by next spring. We have a 100% highly qualified staff employment and an excellent variety of title and NCLB approved online curriculum including A+ and Study Island. All of these curriculums are aligned to state standards and are designed to enhance your sons/daughter's educational experience. In addition, we have also incorporated a performance based testing series called Scantron. Having been identified for school improvement, we will work with our parents, students, staff and members of the Ohio Department of Education to begin the process for improvement.

Since Virtual Schoolhouse is considered as a school-wide title program and is in its third year of school improvement, we will again offer all of our qualifying families the option of SES (supplemental educational services/free tutoring) for their child. We will provide information that explains in detail what SES involves and the Ohio Department of Education approved list of qualified SES providers.

Even with all of this initiative, each parent has the right to transfer their child to another public school or community school that is not in school improvement. Parents can attend the school of the district that they reside in or any community school. A list of both public and community schools in your area can be obtained by going on the following website [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us). The district of residence is responsible for transportation.

VSH would like to personally invite each parent to participate in the school improvement process and welcome any insights that may help us achieve our academic goals. In addition, staff will be engaged in assertive measures in the classroom to improve the teaching and learning outcomes through study, research and professional development. Students will be asked to exceed prior year efforts and work harder both in class and at home to improve their academic skills, knowledge, and attitudes.

This year will require a great deal of cooperation and I know we can make our efforts successful. Under the No Child Left Behind Act I want to let you know that you may return to your school of residence. However if you wish to do this, you must contact our office.

We encourage all of our parents, students and staff to join in this effort that will result in increased student performance, higher expectations, and more effective teaching, learning and parenting.

Sincerely,

Brooke H. Campana  
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