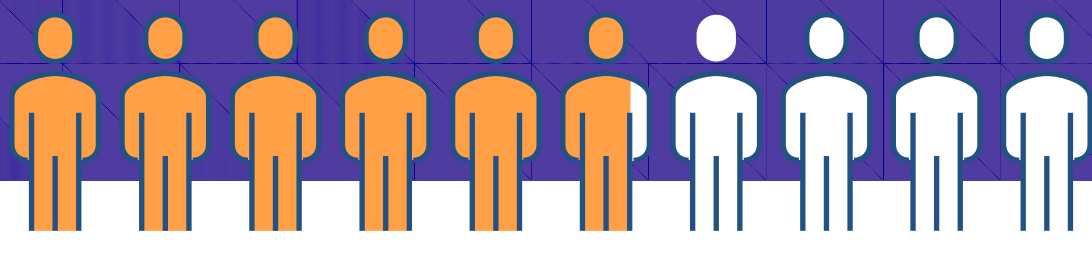




BENEFITS OF VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

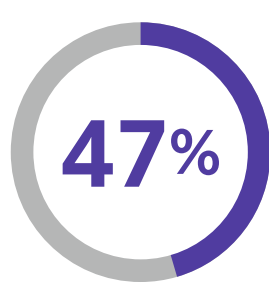
The growing demand for online learning means virtual schools are becoming a viable option for districts across the U.S. — **and sometimes a necessary one.**



58% INCREASE

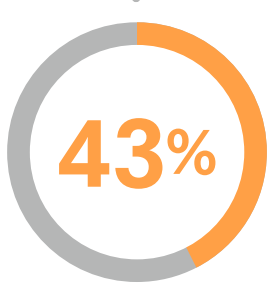
In students receiving *all* of their education online between 2009 and 2013¹.

DURING THE 2014 – 2015 SCHOOL YEAR



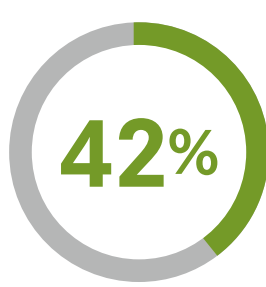
OF STUDENTS

In Grades 9 – 12 pursued online learning to access courses not offered at their school



OF STUDENTS

In Grades 9 – 12 took courses online to be able to work at their own pace



OF STUDENTS

In Grades 6 – 8 took an online course in order to get extra help²

DEMAND
for online learning



NEED
for virtual schools.

BENEFITS FOR DISTRICTS

1

Districts can offer an attractive alternative to students who otherwise might move to a different school.

2

Virtual schools can help mitigate the teacher shortage, a shortage that might reach 112,000 by 2018³.

3

Districts can meet the needs of all students based on their individual academic readiness and learning style.

4

Virtual schools help districts overcome budget issues and the rising cost of textbooks.

5

Virtual schools help districts move toward competency-based education, something 36 states are doing⁴.

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

6

Students can learn on their own time throughout the entire year, no longer limited by the traditional fall-to-spring timeline.

7

Students can take the classes they want, and they're never turned away because a class is full.

8

Students can learn at their own pace; those who want to advance faster are able to do so, while those who need to progress more slowly can learn at the pace right for them.

BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS

9

Teachers get access to a standards-based repository of multimedia instruction.

10

Teachers can ensure students master concepts before advancing.

11

Data helps to identify areas of weakness and provide targeted support.

12

Digital curriculum built to standards ensures student readiness for high-stakes exams.

HOW TO MAKE VIRTUAL SCHOOL A REALITY

For districts limited to brick-and-mortar buildings, the idea of a virtual school can be daunting. These online resources can help educators and administrators understand the options available for creating online learning opportunities for students:

VIRTUAL
LEARNING
GUIDE

VIRTUAL LEARNING
OPTIONS FOR
SCHOOL

BEST PRACTICES FOR
STARTING A VIRTUAL
SCHOOL

TIPS FOR
SELECTING DIGITAL
CURRICULUM

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³ <https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-09-14/the-teacher-shortage-crisis-is-here>
⁴ <http://www.inacol.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/fun-facts-about-online-learning.pdf>