



HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIGITAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Synchronous Video Instruction

Synchronous video instruction is a course taught in real-time by a HCPSS teacher from a “home” school to students at a “remote” school. Teachers and students at “home” and “remote” schools utilize web-based and video technologies to interact with each other in real-time. Students use personal technology devices (tablet or laptop), or HCPSS-provided devices, to participate in classroom activities. Students access and submit assignments through the Canvas learning management system.



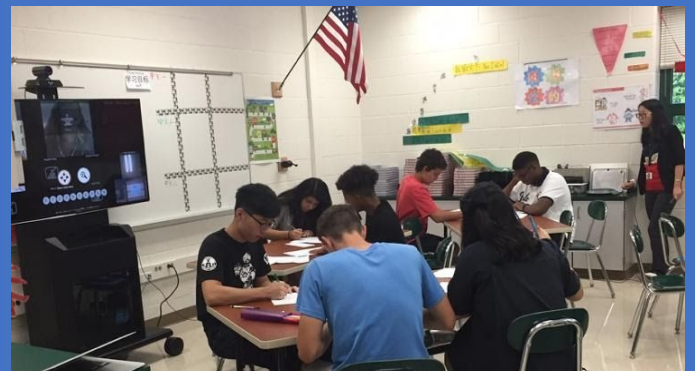
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Course Offerings

During school year 2020-2021, the HCPSS offers AP U.S. History, Chinese, Differential Equations, Latin and Linear Algebra. However, the course offerings and locations may vary from year to year. Curriculum coordinators, school administrators and Digital Education staff review district-wide student course requests and available school staffing to determine which courses will be offered and where the teachers are located. Typically, the synchronous video courses that are offered are low-enrollment courses that are less commonly taught at all high schools throughout the HCPSS.

Eligibility

Any student that meets the course prerequisites (if applicable) is eligible to enroll in a synchronous video course. “Remote” schools must provide active supervision for students during the period in which the course is offered. Synchronous video students should be well-organized, independent, self-starters who enjoy interacting with their teachers and classmates. Synchronous students should also be comfortable with electronic communication and be able to use multiple technology tools at one time.



Currently, the HCPSS offers AP U.S. History, Chinese, Differential Equations, Italian, Latin, and Linear Algebra through synchronous video instruction.