THE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL (THE VHS COLLABORATIVE)

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PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES
THE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE
PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES| Members & Partners

- Since 1997 – 16 Years of Non-Profit Leadership
- Nearly 700 Member Schools
  - 120 + Independent Schools
  - 40 International & Indigenous Schools – 25 Countries
  - 50 Faith-Based Schools
  - Consortiums & Collaboratives
- Over 500 Parental Partnerships
- Highest Penetration States –
  - MA, CT, RI, ME, NH, VT – New England
  - OH, NY, PA, NJ, WA, WI
- State and Regional Organizations – WA, MA, CT, VT, OH
PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES | Courses

- More than 180 Courses
  - Core & Enrichment
  - 21 AP® Courses
  - 8 Honors Courses
  - 10 Middle School Courses
  - Over 50 Middle School G&T
  - Nearly 20 Summer School Courses
PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES | Students

- Over 150,000 Students Since 1997
  - 85% High School Students
  - 15% Middle School Students
  - 17,000 Students Per Year – Last 3 Years
- Application/Selection Process
- Student Snapshot
  - Motivated
  - High Achieving
  - College Bound
  - Independent Learning Skills
  - Time Management Skills
PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES/Teachers

- Over 500 School-Based & VHS Teachers
  - 85% Hold Masters or Higher
  - Average 16 Years Teaching Experience
  - Certified in Content Area
  - Proven Application and Vetting Process
  - Rigorous Graduate-Level Training
  - Consistent Mentoring and Monitoring
  - Passionate, Dedicated, Quality Driven & Awarded
PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES/Site Coordinators

- Required for All Member Schools
- Trained and Monitored
- Recruitment, Technical Access, Enrollment, Grade Monitoring
- Communication & Liaison with Stakeholders
- Key to Success and Program Operations
PLATFORMS & COURSE DELIVERY

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PLATFORMS

- Desire2Learn – Learning Management System
- Genius – Student Management System
- Software
  - ReadSpeaker
  - Blogs, Wikis, Glogs, Voicethread
  - Web 2.0 Technologies
  - Others
ACCREDIATION

- Accredited by Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools
- Accredited by Northwestern Accreditation Commission
- NCAA Initial Eligibility Certified
- 21 College Board Certified AP® Courses
COURSE INSTRUCTION

- Cohort of 25 Students or Less
- Global Classroom – 25 Countries/30+ States
- Co-synchronous Lessons/Activities/Project-Based
- Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Communicate, Collaborate
- Rigorous, Engaging, Innovative – Committed to Quality
PRODUCTS & SERVICES/MEMBERSHIP SOLUTIONS

- Teaching Membership
  - Provide Teacher to Collaborative
  - Reduced Cost
  - 50 Enrollments per Year/per Teacher

- Student Only Membership
  - Forecast Number of Enrollments Needed
  - Purchase Enrollments in Bulk for Reduced Cost

- Consortium Membership
  - Existing or Custom Consortium
  - Either Teaching, Student Only, or Combination
  - Largest Enrollment Discounts
PRODUCTS & SERVICES/ ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS

- Individual Enrollments
- Full-Time Online
- Summer School
- Professional Development
PRODUCTS & SERVICES/ CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

- Variety of Custom Programs and Services
- No One Size Fits All
- Online, Blended, & Hybrid
- Leverage VHS Resources
  - Courses
  - Teachers
  - Platforms
  - Expertise
OUTCOMES

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- 94% School Retention Rate - Year over Year
- 95% Satisfaction Rating – Students, Teachers, Administrators
- AP® Exam Pass Rate – 14 Points Above National Average
- 3 Time Recipient of USDLA (United States Distance Learning Association) – 21 Century Award for Distance Learning Best Practices
- VHS Students have Successfully Matriculated at:
  - Harvard, Yale, MIT, Penn, Princeton, U of Chicago, Amherst, Williams, RPI, WPI
  - RIT, Michigan, Wellesley, Brandeis, Smith, Georgia Tech, and Host of Top Schools
QUESTIONS?

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Thank You
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