

**SPOTSY ONLINE 100% Virtual Online Learning Program**  
**Parent & Student Information Letter**  
**Spring 2022 Session**

The Spotsy Online 100% Virtual Accelerated Learning opportunity is for current 8th - 12th grade SCPS students who are interested in accelerated coursework for high school credit. These courses are NEW courses that are taken for the first time in a compacted time frame. Students will have 18 weeks to complete the year-long course during the Spring Semester 2022.

This is an intense program and students need to be highly motivated in order to be successful. Students can expect to spend an average of 2-6 hours per day, every day, **including weekends**, in order to stay on track to complete the full year's coursework in the 18-week time frame. Students must have a reliable Internet connection and a device to access and complete the online coursework.

The following are characteristics of students who have been successful in accelerated virtual courses. The student has:

- **Met the prerequisite(s)** with a recommended grade of 80% or better (90% math for courses due to scaffolding)
- Demonstrated a strong work ethic
- Demonstrated the ability to work independently
- Performed well in the current year's course load
- Shown motivation and the ability to make the time commitment

**Important Dates:**

- The program will run for 18 weeks - January 4, 2022 through May 13, 2022
- Student/Parent Virtual Meeting Date - Tuesday, November 16 at 6pm.
- All coursework must be completed by 11:59 PM May 13, 2022

**Cost:**

- The cost is \$325 for one course. (Students that already qualify for assistance during the regular school year may receive discounted tuition).
- Payment is due to the school. Directions on how to pay will be provided by email once the student has been approved to take the course requested.
- Students will have 72 hours from time of enrollment confirmation email is sent to withdraw from a course and receive a full refund.
- Students will have two weeks from the course start date to withdraw from the course without receiving a failing grade. However, there will be **no refund**.

## Coursework & Grades:

- **All coursework will be completed online through Apex Virtual Learning School:**
  - All coursework must be completed by May 13, 2022, at 11:59 PM.
  - Incomplete work when the course ends on May 13, 2022, will be calculated as a zero.
  - The final grade will be calculated based on all coursework - to include any incomplete work that results in a zero. With this in mind, please ensure that there will be enough time to complete an online course.
- Facilitation:
  - Courses will be facilitated by Apex teachers licensed to teach in Virginia.
- Communication:
  - Questions about course content and grading should be directed to the AVLS teacher.
  - Parent's email addresses will be entered as a 'Coach' and parents will receive a weekly update on their student's progress from AVLS.
  - Amber Belako and Alicia Weeks from the Online Learning Team will serve as 'Mentors' to conduct weekly checks on student progress and grades and to touch base with parents and students.

## Testing:

- For courses requiring an SOL test or an industry certification test, testing will occur during the spring session. Appropriate SCPS Staff will contact students/parents once the dates are available.
  - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Geometry, Virginia & US History, & World Geography - SOL test
  - Economics & Personal Finance - Industry Certification Test

Please feel free to email [onlinelearning@spotsylvania.k12.va.us](mailto:onlinelearning@spotsylvania.k12.va.us) if you have any questions.

If you need to speak to someone in person regarding this program, please call your school counselor or Amber Belako at 540-834-2500.

Thank you,  
SCPS Online Learning Team

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**Parent & Student Agreement**

I have read the parent letter and understand that I am agreeing to the following:

- There are no refunds after 72 hours from my student's starting date of course.
- The last day to withdraw from a course without a failing grade is two weeks from that starting date.
- After two weeks, the **Overall Percent Grade** will be the grade that goes on the student transcript.
- This is an intense course experience that will require between 2-6 hours of active coursework per day.
- Reliable Internet access is necessary.
- My student will complete his/her own work and not plagiarize material.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Name (Please print)

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Student Signature

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Date

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Student Name (Please print)

Student goal for completing the course: