



HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Virtual At-Home Option

The Virtual At-Home option is a distinct option for families who cannot send their child(ren) to campus under a Tier 1 or Tier 2 opening of the school building. Families with high risk health conditions or with concerns regarding coronavirus and Covid-19 may wish to choose the Virtual At-Home option. Virtual At-Home is for families who know that they cannot send their children to campus for in-person learning for the first semester or the year.

Because of our expectations for high quality education and the additional responsibilities for Holy Spirit teachers teaching on campus, we have chosen to partner with Catholic Virtual in collaboration with our sister schools in the Diocese of Birmingham. Catholic Virtual is a virtual school that specializes in designing and delivering high quality, fully virtual courses to Catholic school students through their family's chosen brick-and-mortar Catholic school.

Catholic Virtual is a resource utilized by Holy Spirit during these unprecedented times. Holy Spirit will facilitate the program; Catholic Virtual will provide the teachers and the content.

- You are still a Holy Spirit Family! Virtual At-Home students taking courses will receive all Holy Spirit communications and participate in any **virtual** extra-curricular opportunities through the school, including mass, retreats, and class activities.
- Holy Spirit families who choose the Virtual At-Home option reserve their spot in the limited class space that is quickly filling up. They may return to campus after the first semester if they choose.
- Families choosing the Virtual At-Home option will pay their full Holy Spirit tuition as normal. Holy Spirit will register, manage, and facilitate the Catholic Virtual courses for Virtual At-Home students. Families will not pay anything additional for or to Catholic Virtual.
- The Catholic Virtual curriculum will be aligned with Holy Spirit's curriculum.
- Virtual At-Home classes will be taught by certified teachers at Catholic Virtual who specialize in designing and teaching virtual classes.
- Virtual At-Home students will be in classes with other Virtual At-Home students from Holy Spirit and Catholic schools in the Diocese of Birmingham.
- Attendance will be recorded for live class meetings through the Catholic Virtual platform.
- Holy Spirit will issue the report card and maintain the student transcript
- As is the case with any learning from home option, there will be a great need for parental support in order for the student to be successful with independent assignments.
- Students will livestream for 2 hours per subject per week with the Catholic Virtual teacher: 10 hours total per week for elementary school, 10-12 hours for middle school, and 14 hours for high school.
- Virtual At-Home high school students will have options for college prep, honors, and AP courses. All courses taken through Catholic Virtual by Virtual At-Home students will count as credits, receive GPA credit according to Holy Spirit's scale, and qualify students for their chosen Holy Spirit diploma track. Holy Spirit will choose the appropriate courses for students from the [Catholic Virtual Course Catalog](#).
- There is no Virtual At-Home option for preschool.
- Families who choose this option may only switch back to in-person learning after the first semester.
- Families choosing Virtual At-Home must inform the appropriate principal no later than July 31.