

Q & A's from the TNVA WEBINAR

1. **Can anyone use the virtual academy at home?**

TNVA offers full-time enrollment for grades K–8 in the 2012–2013 school year. Please visit our website to view 'FAQs' ([Click here](#)) and 'Enrollment & Attendance FAQs' ([Click here](#)).

2. **Is this opportunity only for students in Union County?**

TNVA enrollment is statewide. All students enrolled with TNVA are considered Union County students.

3. **Does this program have audibles? Some online lessons do contain audio components. Could his lessons be read to him via computer?**

For students who are eligible there are programs available for audiobooks and screen readers.

He is severely dyslexic. Could this program work for him?

Yes.

4. **I am very interested in hearing about how students with learning (and other) disabilities are being served. Who teaches them, and what is the teacher's background (training, etc.)? Thanks.**

Services are provided to students based on what is listed in each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Academic services are provided through an online classroom setting by a certified TNVA special education teacher. Related services are provided either through virtual means (speech therapy for example) or face to face using contracted licensed providers located around the state.

5. **I have a parent working with a school which refuses to give letter of good standing, stating child has behavior issues, but child has behavior plan from Youth Villages.**

This would need to be addressed on an individual basis. Contact TNVA head of school, Josh Williams, jwilliams@tnva.org

6. **I have a child with Down syndrome, will this program offer special or modified curriculums for his disability?**

Each student's needs are addressed on an individual basis. All TNVA special education teachers have experience working with students and families using the K12 curriculum and other resources in order to ensure that each child has the opportunity to make academic progress.

7. **What if a child is 16, but is on an 8th grade level. Can he still be served through TNVA?**

Students are enrolled in the appropriate grade level, based upon the student's current report card from previous public or private school. If student has been homeschooled, enrollment is based upon the student's age appropriate grade level regardless of their functional academic level.

8. **If a student's home school places him in the TNVA, does the home school hold the IEP meetings for that student, or does TNVA hold those meetings? Or are both schools involved in meetings? Also, are IEP meetings held through an online meeting?**

Upon enrollment with TNVA, students become students of Union Co. and all meetings are conducted with TNVA staff. IEP meetings are typically held via online meeting room unless other arrangements are requested.

9. **What is open enrollment and when is open enrollment?**

Open enrollment is during the summer when a student can enroll in any school without director's approval. It starts the day school ends in the host county until two weeks prior to school starts in host county.

What happens if I miss open enrollment?

TNVA will need to ask for a release from the student's home district from the director to be able to attend TNVA. The director and approve or deny this request.

10. Does TNVA admit students who have been expelled from their homeschool?

TNVA does not accept students that are serving a suspension or expulsion.

Do you know if there are any educational options available for students in this situation? No

11. Does TNVA admit students who are from another state?

TNVA students are required to be TN residents.

12. How did TNVA do in TCAP testing and what were the issues that might have impacted that testing this year?

TNVA has areas in which they need to improve. Not having previous tests scores for students could have impacted our scores.

13. What is the difference between TNVA and K12?

TNVA is the school and K12 provides the curriculum for the school.

14. What if a student is involved in a sports team? Can they still attend the one for their homeschool?

No. Students enrolled in TNVA cannot participate in their local school district sports. However, enrollment in TNVA does not affect the student's ability to participate in other non-public school sports teams.

15. Does TNVA provide internet service?

If a student qualifies for free and reduced lunch, then the student could possibly receive a \$9.99 per month refund. These students will need to be enrolled with TNVA for an entire month.

16. Does TNVA provide related services to children with disabilities?

Yes. See answer above re: special education service provision.

17. Can homebound students be served through TNVA?

Homebound students are considered to be students that are being served by public schools. These students would need to withdraw from their home public school and enroll with TNVA. As long as the district releases the student, these students can join TNVA.

18. How is PE provided? What about study hall? What about Music class?

PE is completed by the student according the requirements for hours per week by the state. Study hall is offered during the week by teachers. Music class is considered to be music appreciation.

19. Can they play in a band with their homeschool if they are enrolled in the TNVA?

No

20. If a student is required to spend 6.5 hours a day in studies through TNVA, how much of that time is on the computer?

This time depends on the ability of the student and grade of the student.

21. Will student progress such as TCAP scores of TNVA students be reported and made available collectively in Tennessee under TNVA or will those scores be included in those obtained from students in Union County?

The student should receive results from their students test. TNVA scores are recorded with Union County for AYP purposes. In addition, TNVA has scores of their own reported to the state.