

# **Tennessee Virtual Academy**

School Year 2012-2013





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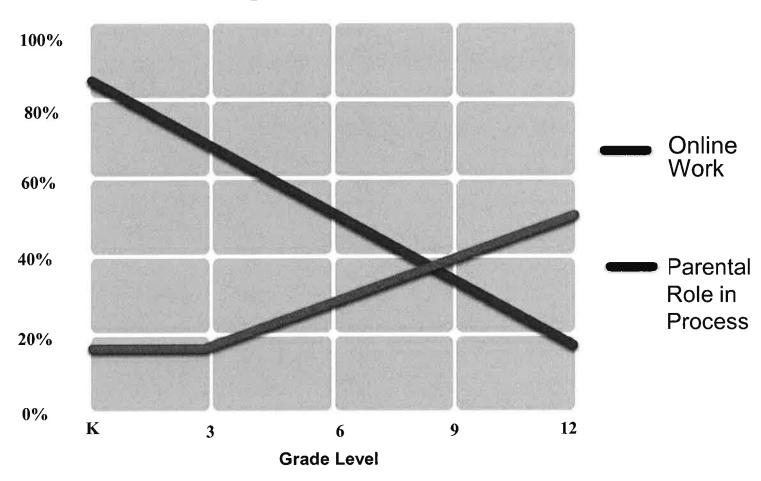


# Why Do Families Choose Online Public Schooling?

- More involvement with a child's learning
- Flexible scheduling & pacing options to fit family's needs
- Concerns with current school
  - Environment Safety/bullying/peer pressure in current school
  - Low support level in current school
  - Classes & lessons "taught to the middle" in current school
  - Commute timing hours spent preparing students for each day
- Values/faith-based reasons
- Medical/health reasons
- More affordable than other options available to family



## **Percentage of Work Online**





### What is the Tennessee Virtual Academy (TNVA)?

- A full-time, **tuition-free** online public school sponsored by the Union County Public Schools, offering grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2012-13-SY.
- Students may reside anywhere in the state of Tennessee.
- An online school that utilizes dynamic teaching tools, Tennessee-certified
   teachers, and powerful technology to deliver instruction to students at home.
- This is not home schooling! In addition to being partnered with a Tennessee teacher, students are accountable to meet state testing and attendance requirements.



#### **Instructional Overview**

#### **Grades K-8**

• Learning coaches work closely with Tennessee-certified teachers in guiding students through the curriculum via the Online School (OLS).



#### 2012-13 Academic Calendar & Testing

**State Testing:** In addition to K<sup>12</sup> lesson, unit and semester assessments, students will participate in state testing.

- August 1, 2012
   Teacher In-service Day
- August 2-3, 2012
   Administrative Day No Students
- August 6, 2012
   Professional Development Day No Students
- August 7, 2012
   First Abbreviated Day for students
- August 8, 2012
   Administrative Day No Students
- August 9, 2012
   First Full Day for students and Teachers
- September 3, 2012
   Labor Day Holiday for Students and Teachers
- September 4, 2012
   Professional Development Day No Students
- October 8-12, 2012
   Fall Break No School
- November 5, 2012
   Professional Development Day No Students
- November 6, 2012
   Teachers In-service Day
- November 12, 2012 Veterans Day

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- November 21-23, 2012
   Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
- December 18, 2012
  Abbreviated Day For Students
- December 19, 2012 January 2, 2013
   Winter Break (no school)
- January 1, 2013
   New Year's Day (no school)
- January 2, 2013
   In-service Day No Students
- January 3, 2013
   1st full Day for Students after Winter Holidays
- January 21, 2013
   Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday For Students and Teachers
- February 18, 2013
   President's Day Holiday for Students and Teachers
- March 25-29, 2013
   Spring Break (no school)
- April 1, 2013
  In-service No Students
- May 24, 2013
   In-service No Students
- May 25, 2013
   Last Abbreviated Day for Students



#### **Courses**

• TNVA has adopted the appropriate content standards and assessments in all grades and the curriculum will follow the guidance of the TN DOE and Union County School District which has defined what its children need to know and be able to do in ten content areas: mathematics, language arts literacy (including reading and writing), science, social studies, visual and performing arts, comprehensive health and physical education and technology.











#### K<sup>12</sup> Curriculum

Six subjects at all grade levels:

- Language Arts
   builds important reading and writing skills while inspiring a love of literature
- Math mastery of fundamental skills with critical thinking and problem-solving
- Science
   hands-on experience with systematic study of scientific terms and concepts
- History
   emphasizes the story in history by opening young minds and imaginations to
   far-off lands, distant times, and diverse people
- Art
   following the timeline of history students are introduced to great works of art
   from different cultures and eras
- Music
   students are instructed in both music theory and music appreciation

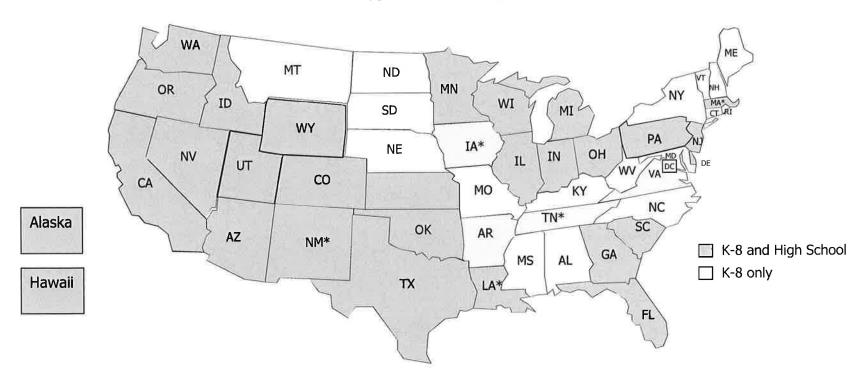


#### The K<sup>12</sup> Curriculum

- Provided by the largest provider of online curriculum for online public schools and used by many of top-performing virtual schools in the nation.
- More than **100,000 students** are using the K<sup>12</sup> academic program in 30+ statewide online public schools and other e-learning programs across the country and also in over 50 countries.
- Enables mastery of core concepts and skills for all kinds of minds with a curriculum based on proven cognitive science.
- Committed to providing a **flexible learning environment** that will help each child reach his/her true, individual potential.
- Focused on providing ongoing opportunities for students to participate in a national online community.
- Offers assistance through a customer care and technology support line.
- Is accredited by AdvancED (Advancing Excellence in Education).



# Online public school students in 30+ states (plus DC) use K<sup>12</sup>



\*The full range of grades may not be offered.



## K<sup>12</sup> Curriculum, Cont.

- The K<sup>12</sup> curriculum is based on time-tested and research-based methods of instruction Over 700 lessons per grade
- Lessons based on Core Knowledge sequence
- Provides everything you need and is **shipped to your door** (traditional materials such as textbooks, workbooks, CDs, science equipment, manipulatives, art supplies, even rocks!) and a computer to those that qualify.
- Structured lesson plans and in-depth guides
- Courses that meet or exceed Tennessee academic standards
- Integrated and planned out for you and your student to follow. There is no need for you to plan lessons, our tools do that for you and our assessments direct you to the next lessons once the prior lesson is mastered.



#### **Enrollment Overview:** What's Included?

- The K<sup>12</sup> online curriculum, planning, and progress tools through our
   Online School
- Books, materials, manipulatives/hands-on learning tools and supplies.
- Access to Tennessee-certified teachers, administration, and special services.
- Leadership, support and guidance from TNVA teachers and staff
- Interactive and engaging lessons with comprehensive assessments
- Access to group outings, academic workshops and enrichment activities.
- If eligible, a school-issued computer, printer, and Internet stipend to support the learning process.

#### And all of this is tuition-free!



## K-8 Program: Parent/Teacher Role

- Parents
- Ensure continuous progress with your students in the K<sup>12</sup> curriculum.
- Participate in regularly scheduled parent-teacher calls.
- Check e-mail daily.
- Submit student work samples monthly.
- Teachers
- The curriculum & assessment specialist.
- Checks student progress and attendance, while also scheduling frequent, synchronous, teacher-initiated sessions.
- A resource for curriculum questions and supplemental activities.
- Organizes outings builds "learning community".



## K-8 Program: Overview

- Mastery-based program.
- Rich, research based content and "big ideas."
- We encourage families to spend more instructional time on important, difficult objectives.
- We recognize that every child is different.
- Finding the correct level and pace may vary by child.
- To ensure mastery, every objective is assessed.
- Integrated and planned out for you and your student to follow.
   There is no need for you to plan lessons, our tools do that for you and our assessments direct you to the next lessons once the prior lesson is mastered.



#### Parent/Learning Coach Responsibilities

Guide students through the K12 curriculum in a consistent manner

Log progress and attendance daily

Be available, and meet, for scheduled meetings (phone and in-person) with your teacher

Communicate with teacher when problem arises

Check e-mail and K-Mail daily

Ensure that students participate with their teacher in any prescribed direct instruction.

Submit student work samples

Ensure that students participate in state and benchmark testing

Make sure a responsible adult is with the student during school hours



## K-8 Program: Teacher Role

- The curriculum & assessment specialist
- Provide direct instruction as needed through on-line web meetings
- Conduct subject specific study hall and small group sessions with students
- First point of contact for families
- Ensuring student attendance compliancy with state laws
  - Checks student progress and attendance
- Organizes outings builds "learning community"



### **OLS Main Page: Learning Coach View**











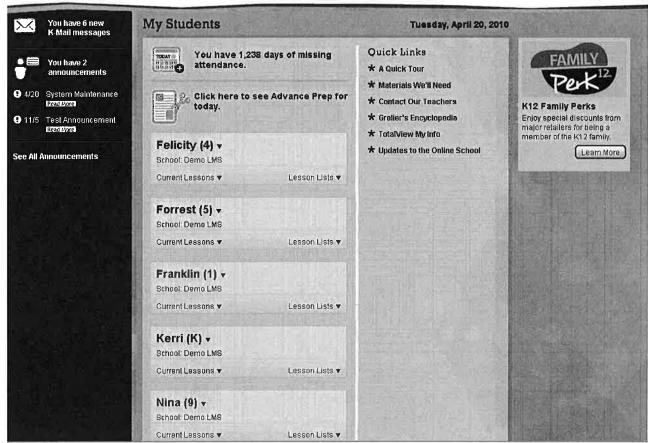


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#### **OLS Main Page: Student View**



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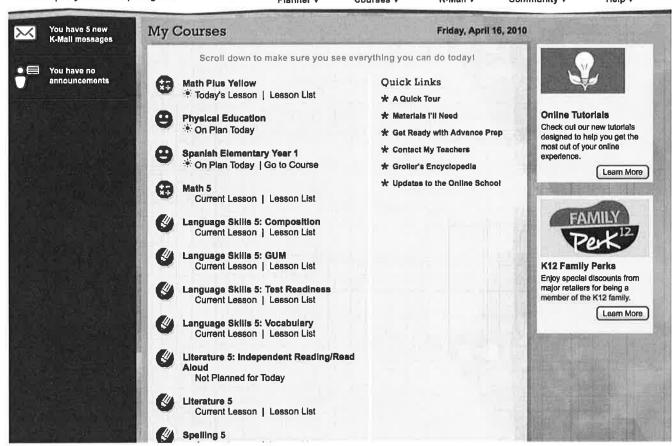
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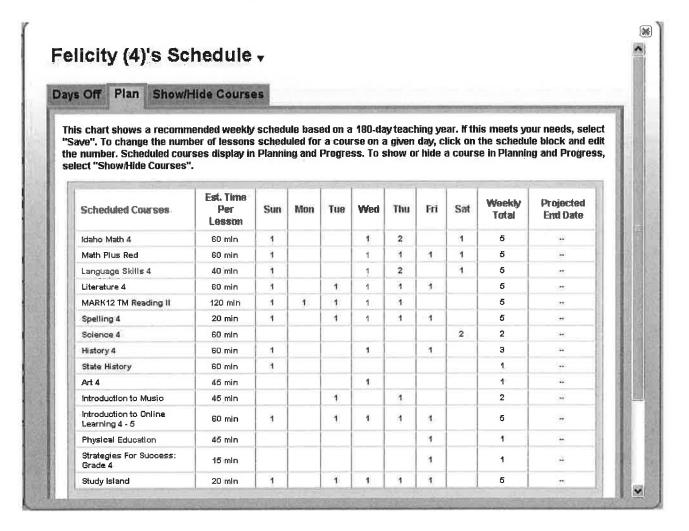


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## **OLS: Scheduling Tool**



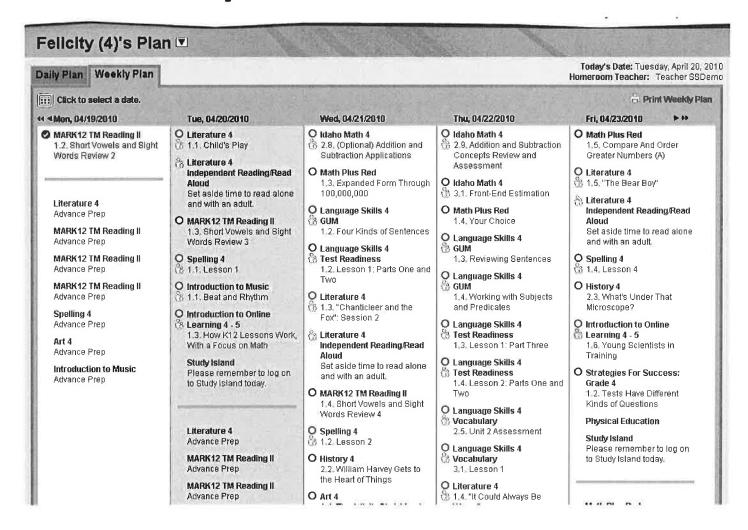


## **OLS: Daily Plan View**

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#### **OLS: Weekly Plan View**



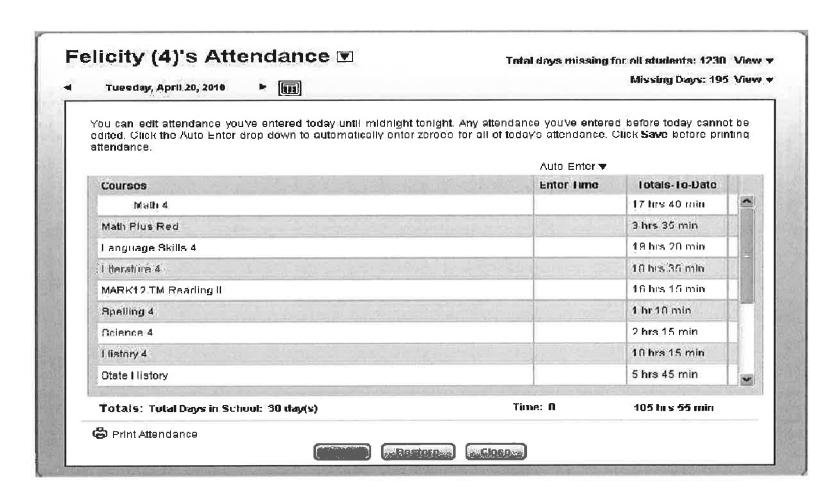


## **OLS: Progress Overview**

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Felicity (4)'s Progress					
Idaho Math 4	2% Complete	Current Lesson			
Math Plus Red	0% Complete	Current Lesson			
Language Skills 4	4% Complete				
Composition	2% Complete	Current Lesson			
GUM	1% Complete	Current Lesson			
Test Readiness	7% Complete	Current Lesson			
Vocabulary	9% Complete	Current Lesson			
Literature 4	1% Complete	Current Lesson			
MARK12 TM Reading II	2% Complete	Current Lesson			
Spelling 4	0% Complete	Current Lesson			



#### **Attendance Screen**





### **Family & Community Resources**

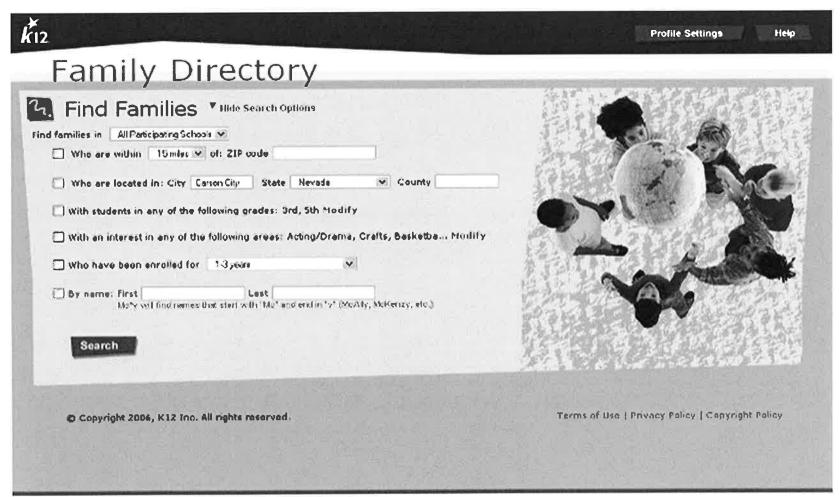
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- Online Clubs
- Community Gatherings
- Academic & Social Outings
- Online Parent Directory
- thebigthinK<sup>12</sup>
- Parent Workshops







#### **Online Parent Directory**





## **Language Arts Overview**



Develops important reading and writing skills

Emphasizes classic works

Teaches writing as a process

Prepares students for standardized tests in the areas of language skills and reading comprehension.