Sacred Heart Virtual Academy
EST 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enroll my child?

If Sacred Heart Virtual Academy (SHVA) will be the school of record for your child (all courses will be taken via SHVA), contact the SHVA registrar, Kim Shields, and/or schedule a phone conference by emailing Kim at kshields@archatl.com or via phone at 404-920-7706.

How many credits are required for graduation?

To graduate, students are required to complete 24 credits in the following areas:

- Theology – 4 credits
- English/Language Arts – 4 credits
- Math – 3 credits
- Science – 3 credits
- History/Social Studies – 3 credits to include 0.5 credit in civics
- Physical Education – 1.5 credits
- Health – 0.5 credits (in grades 9-12: may be waived if already completed)
- Foreign Language - 2 credits
- Fine Art - 1 credit
- Class of 2028 must have 0.5 credit of Financial Literacy
- Elective – 2 credits

Students enrolling after 9th grade will have their current transcript evaluated to ensure completion of credits.

Are your teachers certified?

Our teachers are certified and/or highly qualified in their subject areas of expertise and provide academic support throughout the course experience.

Students can communicate directly with their teacher through the course messaging center to ask questions and receive guidance. Teachers are required to respond to student inquiries within 24–48 hours.

For students who need additional support beyond the messaging system, private one-on-one sessions, office hours, and tutoring services may be available for an additional fee. Please inquire for details regarding availability and pricing.

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How many live classes will students receive?

For most classes, students will receive two live sessions of 45 minutes each week for each content area. This allows for independent work and checkpoints with the teacher. For example, if a student enrolls in six classes (English, history, math, language, science, and theology), each class will meet live, online twice each week. (12 class periods a week) During these classes, the students will interact in real-time with the teacher and other students taking the class.

A few classes are presented asynchronously meaning there are no live sessions. Students still have access to a teacher via a messaging center.

What do students do when they are not in class?

In our teacher-facilitated model, students work independently through their coursework, completing lessons, assignments, projects, quizzes, and assessments at their own pace within the course timeline. Teachers grade assignments, provide feedback, and are available through the course messaging center to answer questions and support student learning.

In our live-instruction models, students also complete independent coursework outside of their scheduled live sessions. In addition, they have access to recordings of live instruction sessions, allowing them to review concepts and revisit lessons as needed.

Students can communicate with their teachers through the course messaging center whenever they need assistance. Teachers are required to respond to student inquiries within 24–48 hours. Additional tutoring or one-on-one instructional support may also be available for an additional fee.

Are devices and textbooks included, or must students purchase their own?

Students are responsible for providing their own computer or device with reliable internet access to participate in online learning.

Each course syllabus outlines any required textbooks, novels, materials, or supplemental resources needed for successful course completion.

While many course materials are provided online or through digital resources, some courses may require students to obtain textbooks, novels, lab materials, or other resources independently.

All students and families are responsible for obtaining any required course materials identified in the course syllabus prior to or during the course.

Is full-year enrollment required?

This program offers a full-time program or options for credit recovery and individual courses.

Is SHVA accredited?

Yes, SHVA is fully accredited through Cognia.

What services are available for students with learning challenges or special needs?

The school does not evaluate students for learning disabilities, nor does it write individualized plans. If a student has an existing Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504 or service plan, please provide it with the student's records so that it can be reviewed.

If a student has a known disability, every attempt is made to place the student with a teacher who is able to make the needed accommodation. The school stays in close contact with parents throughout the placement process.

What are the current tuition rates for 2026-27?

Full-time student per school year	$7,200.00
Single synchronous (live teacher) course per semester	$800.00
Single asynchronous course (independent) per semester	$600.00
Single 1:1 Instruction course per semester	$1,000.00

Is tuition refundable?

Tuition will not be refunded after the first date of the start of each semester.

Tuition will not be refunded if a student attends any portion of his/her courses.

If a refund is requested before the start of the semester, and the tuition has been paid in full, a request may be made to Sacred Heart Virtual Academy for a refund.

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Do students follow a traditional calendar or year-round?

Yes, students follow a traditional school year with breaks at Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Years, Spring Break and Easter. The school year runs from late August to late May.

Optional classes are offered during the summer at an additional cost. This includes credit recovery classes.

Students may start asynchronously at any point during the school year, and the semester will be adjusted based on start date.

Are students from other dioceses able to attend Sacred Heart Virtual Academy?

Yes, students from other dioceses are welcome to register and attend SHVA.

Are students able to participate in sports and extracurricular activities?

Due to the varied locations of student residences throughout the archdiocese, the school does not offer traditional sports teams or extracurricular activities.

Students are still able to participate in sports and activities offered through local clubs or municipal recreation programs.

How is tuition processed?

FACTS Tuition Payment Plan- Enrolling in a FACTS tuition payment plan allows you to select a payment option that best suits your financial needs. Click this link to set up your account.