



In a Test Optional Word, How Can We Help Students Shine Academically?

HECA Virtual Conference, April, 2021

Presented by:

Anne Holmdahl, Common Sense
College Counseling



Donna Siegel, College Click and
Lemonade Education



Featured presenters:

Jeff Schiffman, Director of Admission,
Tulane University



Jocelyn De Jong, Senior Associate Director of
Admissions for Recruitment &
Communications, University of
Washington Seattle



Eryn Olson, Associate Director of
Admission, Santa Clara University





Options to support students via outside providers for ACCREDITED coursework

BEFORE YOU START:

Students should always talk with their school counselor to see what options the school will accept. Remember, it is totally fine to submit multiple transcripts to colleges, so if the school won't put the course on the transcript, that's ok.

HOWEVER, if the coursework the student is taking is a prerequisite for a future class (eg algebra 2, World Language, etc.), the school **MUST** approve the course before the student takes it.

For classes that do not have a live teacher component, consider tutoring/assistance to keep kids on track. Start by looking for **FREE** resources! Khan Academy, AP Classroom, after school at the library, peer tutoring through school/honor societies, PTA/PTO resources in your area, etc. If students need more, especially if they need help learning the material, not just finishing the homework, teaching/tutoring resources are available both locally and nationally. Wyzant, Varsity Tutors, Class Xoom, Lemonade Education, and many test prep companies offer support.



ACCREDITED outside providers (partial list)

Fully-online providers for individual classes, including multiple subjects:

BYU Online High School Independent Study: <https://is.byu.edu/catalog>

Florida Virtual School: <https://www.flvs.net/>

Apex Learning: <https://www.apexlearning.com/>

Silicon Valley High School: <https://svhs.co/>

UC Scout: <https://www.ucscout.org/>

Laurel Springs School: <https://laurelsprings.com/>

Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS): <https://vlacs.org/>

Red Comet <https://redcomet.org/>

K-12 <https://www.k12.com/>

Global Online Academy: <https://globalonlineacademy.org/>

University of Nebraska High School: <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/>

Score Academy: <https://www.score-academy.com/>

Advantages School International: <https://advantages-dls.com/>

Edgenuity: <https://www.edgenuity.com/>

Stanford Online HS: <https://onlinehighschool.stanford.edu/>

Mizzou Academy: <https://education.missouri.edu/mizzou-academy/>

Fully-online providers for individual classes, single subjects:

LanguageBird: <https://www.languagebird.com/> (world languages)

Art of Problem Solving: <https://artofproblemsolving.com/> (math)

Local, Accredited providers

Fusion Academy (multiple locations)

In Anne's area, we have Pacific Learning Academy, Brock's Academy, Brightmont, Dartmoor and others.

Ask your local school counselors for recommendations, or search for "private high schools" or "accredited high schools."