

Spring Branch ISD offers Online Summer School - Summer, 2012

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(Houston, TX – February 20, 2012) Are you already planning for summer? Spring Branch ISD is offering a popular option: “virtual” or “online” courses to students in grades 6-12 through their Virtual High School (VHS). The web-based courses require little on-campus time, which allows students and families to work around travel, vacations, jobs, camps, or activities. At their Spring Valley campus in west Houston, VHS instructors provide "drop-in" support for academic, technical or test-proctoring needs. Courses are \$200 - \$350.

For information go to <http://vhs.springbranchisd.com> or contact Joel Smith, E-Learning Coordinator: 713-251-1502, elarning@springbranchisd.com.

This summer---as their motto says---students can *login* and still *branch out!*

Additional Talking Points about the Spring Branch Virtual High School (VHS):

- VHS is a certified provider in the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN), a public online course marketplace established by the Texas Legislature and governed under the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- All of the VHS original credit courses have been reviewed and approved by TxVSN as meeting the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as well as the international online learning standards (iNACOL.org)
- VHS courses are open to any public, private or home-schooled student in grades 6-12: across Houston, throughout Texas, and even nationally and internationally.
- VHS offers on-level, remedial and Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses. (Note: instructors will provide *free* A.P. Exam reviews in the spring for summer online students.)
- VHS online instructors are Spring Branch ISD employees, highly-qualified Texas-certified teachers, have received TEA-certified online instructor training, and include a Texas Teacher-of-the-Year.
- SBISD utilizes VHS online courses within our district, including high schools that are recognized in the top tier of campuses across the state (Memorial H.S., Stratford H.S., and Westchester Academy of International Studies).
- The VHS summer school program began two years ago, and quickly grew to well over 400 enrollments last summer.
- VHS also offers online courses throughout the regular school year.
- VHS uses the same state-of-the-art online learning technology that colleges, universities and businesses use, making it a great preparatory experience for students.
- Since only web-access is needed for most of the course*, VHS students have logged into online summer classes to submit work, get help and earn credit while on vacation all over the globe: Russia, France, Spain, Honduras, Mexico, etc.

*A few tests or the final exam may need to be proctored (supervised). Students can schedule a date and time to come to the SBEC Library (Westview near Campbell) to take any proctored test.