



# FYI FROM DPI

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## NC Virtual Public School: Personalized learning, anywhere, anytime



As a 7th grader, Alex Brown (pictured left) was filled with anxiety every time he entered a traditional classroom. He had always been interested in computers and technology, so after hearing about options available through the [North Carolina Virtual Public School](#) (NCVPS) overseen by the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), he decided to give online learning a try.

He started by enrolling in Spanish I and Algebra I courses. With guidance and support from his NCVPS teachers, Alex navigated lessons, submitted assignments and excelled in the online learning environment. Today, as a public high school senior in Charlotte, Alex is still taking courses through NCVPS and loving it.

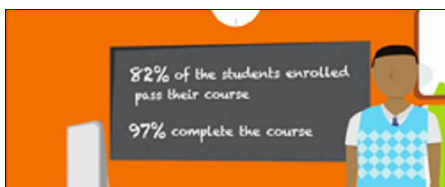
"NCVPS teachers are awesome. They give us their phone numbers so we can text them anytime we want or when we need help. This really personalizes my online learning experience. Plus, I don't worry about annoying them because they always understand and want to help," Brown said.

After high school, Alex hopes to attend college to earn a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design, Marketing and Advertising and then enter a master's program in Creative Direction and Branding. Thanks to DPI and the personalized learning offered through the [North Carolina Virtual Public School](#), he has already been able to work part-time with clients and rebrand a multi-million dollar medical company based in North Carolina.

Watch other NCVPS students share their positive experiences in the brief video, "[A Day in the Life of an NCVPS Student.](#)"

### NCVPS - Stats and Highlights

- 52,839: total enrollments for 2013-14; 55,000 projected for 2014-15
- Demand for enrollment has grown by 205% over the past seven years
- 150 courses taught by 697 licensed teachers
- 83.6% course pass rate
- Serves students in ALL 115 districts; 55 charter schools; 45 non-public schools
- 2nd largest state-supported virtual public school in nation (second to Florida)
- Award-winning Occupational Course of Study program;
- Credit recovery and teacher induction programs serve as national models.



Since 2007, NCVPS has served learners with high quality online courses and expanded options in education. NCVPS is the great equalizer: it provides quality learning opportunities to every North Carolina



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- NC Leads the Nation in National Board Certified Teachers
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student regardless of zip code.

Students enroll through their public, private or home school, NCVPS reports grades to the school, and the school awards course credit and the final diploma.

To learn more, watch the brief video "[What is NCVPS?](#)"

