

Albertville Virtual Academy FAQs

1. Who is eligible for Virtual Academy?

- a. Any student currently enrolled in the Albertville City School System or any new enrollee that lives inside the city limits will be eligible for AVA.
- b. Enrollment will be determined by the AVA counselor and AIA principal taking into account several factors with heavy weight on graduation progress. Students' prior grades, attendance, and discipline will also be examined to determine eligibility.
- c. Students who are eligible for Albertville Virtual Academy will be enrolled in the Albertville Innovation Academy.
- d. Students who are new enrollees and live out of district will follow the Albertville City Schools out of district enrollment guidelines.

2. What if my student needs extra support in the virtual classroom?

- a. AVA will operate on a tiered operating system. Tier I will be designated for regular students who are demonstrating success and have no barriers that would keep them from being successful in either a traditional or virtual setting. Tier I students may choose between the ACCESS platform (which would be more challenging and better prepare them for college) or Edgenuity (which would be a more self pacing platform). Tier II (a) is for students who are behind and not demonstrating success or sufficient progress. These students will be required to work with the virtual success coach to get them back on track. Tier II (b) is for students who require virtual education because they are experiencing medical or severe life circumstances that prevent them from continuing traditional studies or struggle to complete the essential courses to graduate school. Typically these students would require a doctor certification that medical, mental, or emotional conditions prevent school attendance. Tier III is for students who continue to not show sufficient progress after going through Tier II. These students will be required to attend in person lab sessions with their designated teacher on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:15-4:15 and also meet with the AVA counselor and principal to discuss possible dismissal from AVA. Students will move between tiers based on meetings held by teachers and administrators who will determine the student progress and success.

3. What is AVA and AIA?

- a. AVA=Albertville Virtual Academy and AIA=Albertville Innovation Academy.

4. Which learning platforms are available for AVA students?

- a. ACCESS is recommended for high achieving students. This will be determined by the AVA counselor, principal, student and parents
- b. Edgenuity will be used for all students who have not opted into ACCESS.

5. May students return to the traditional school setting after starting in AVA?

- a. Any changes in platform, whether it be ACCESS, Edgenuity or traditional may only take place at semester breaks.

6. May I attend AVA if I live out of district?

- a. New enrollees to Albertville City Schools who live out of district will follow the Albertville City Schools out of district enrollment guidelines.
- b. Students who are currently enrolled in Albertville City Schools but live out of district will be eligible and fall under regular stated requirements and expectations.

7. What are my requirements and expectations as a student enrolled in AVA?

- a. Students are expected to stay on pace and meet weekly progress goals. Students will have assigned teachers who will communicate with them to make sure they are on pace and meeting their requirements.
- b. Students may work on non-instructional days (weekends and holidays), however support may be limited or unavailable.
- c. Students will be required to maintain course averages of 60% or higher in all courses and meet weekly progress goals to remain enrolled in AVA.
- d. Students who do not meet the expectations as a student of AVA, they may be placed back into the traditional school setting.

8. Will students be required to be on AIA campus at any time?

- a. Students are required to come to school for any required state assessments.
- b. If students are participating in extracurricular activities, they will be required to attend school during those allotted times throughout the regular day.
- c. Students who are not meeting their weekly progress goals will be required to attend in person lab sessions with their designated teacher on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:15-4:15 and also meet with the AVA counselor and principal to discuss possible dismissal from AVA.
- d. AVA will follow the ACS school calendar including holidays, breaks and weather days.

9. When may I apply for Albertville Virtual Academy?

- a. AVA enrollment will open in May and will be closed 2 weeks after school begins which is midnight on Wednesday, August 21st. Any request or referrals after the enrollment window closes will be taken on a case by case basis by the AIA principal and the AVA counselor.

10. Will an electronic device be provided?

- a. Yes, a device will be provided by Albertville City Schools.

11. Will internet services be provided by the school system?

- a. No, students will need access to an internet connection at home.

12. How will students apply for Virtual Academy?

- a. Students may visit www.albertk12.org. Click on departments, then enrollment.

13. Are students allowed to compete and participate in Albertville High School programs?

- a. Yes, students will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. Students will be required to try-out and fulfill all the same requirements of students who are enrolled at AHS. Virtual students must come to AHS campus at designated times for class, practice, events and competitions.

14. Are students allowed to have a job and work during the regular school day?

- a. Yes. The flexibility of the virtual academy allows students to work different hours than students enrolled in the traditional setting. However, students must complete their requirements and meet weekly progress goals.

15. Are all courses available to students enrolled in AVA?

- a. Almost all courses are available to students enrolled in AVA. Students may have to take courses on both the ACCESS and Edgenuity platforms to fulfill specific course requests.

16. May students graduate early if enrolled in the Albertville Virtual Academy?

- a. Edgenuity is a self paced platform. If students are motivated and disciplined enough to complete requirements early, they will be allowed to advance at their own pace.

17. Will students be able to participate in a graduation ceremony upon completion of required coursework?

- a. Yes, students who graduate from AVA will receive a diploma from Albertville City Schools and are eligible for honors graduate designations and participation in the graduation ceremony.

18. Can students who attend AVA go to events that AHS has such as homecoming events, prom, graduation ceremonies, etc.?

- a. Yes, students can participate in any joint event hosted by AHS and AIA that occurs outside of typical school hours upon approval of the AIA and AHS principal and are found to be in good academic standing.

19. Who may I contact if I have questions concerning Albertville Virtual Academy?

- a. You may contact Tyler Reeves, AIA principal, at 256-891-1183 or treeves@albertk12.org.