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## **SCDE Announces Rebrand of Virtual Education Program**

*COLUMBIA – Today, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Mick Zais announced that the South Carolina Virtual School Program (SCVSP) will now be known as VirtualSC.*

“I am pleased by this improvement to an already excellent program,” said Zais. “While the name is new, its mission to provide personalized, online learning opportunities for South Carolina students remains the same. With nearly 100 courses being offered to students in middle and high school, along with adult learners, we are at the forefront nationwide of successfully combining technology with education. VirtualSC will continue to be an important, transformative part of the education landscape in South Carolina for years to come,” concluded Zais.

The mission of VirtualSC is to partner with public, private, and home schools to provide free, individualized online learning solutions for students on the path to high school graduation. VirtualSC will continue to serve students in grades 7-12 and those in Adult Education programs who wish to take courses for high school credit without a seat-time requirement. It offers rigorous online courses for initial credit and credit recovery aligned to state standards developed and taught by highly-qualified, South Carolina certified teachers. There is no cost to students or to their schools to use VirtualSC. The program does not issue high school diplomas, but works directly in conjunction with a student’s school.

VirtualSC also provides FREE online test preparation for all South Carolina students planning to take the following national assessments: Explore, ACT, PSAT, SAT, and Advanced Placement™ Exams. It is not necessary to enroll in VirtualSC to take advantage of this test preparation.

VirtualSC offers nearly [100 diverse courses](#), including Advanced Placement, career and technology, and world languages. The number of students served by VirtualSC in 2009-10 was 7,262 students. That number has increased exponentially within five years, growing to 22,279 students served in 2013-14.

To learn more about VirtualSC, visit its new [website](#).

Fall registration for VirtualSC will begin on August 25 for all high school juniors and seniors. All other grade levels will register for Fall courses beginning on September 2. Fall registration will officially end on September 5 for all students.

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