

# The “Virditional” Online Program at Manheim Township High School

(Lancaster, PA)

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS:

Suburban Public School (Lancaster, PA)

Enrollment: District (K-12): 5415 students  
High School (9-12): 1644 students

College Bound: 82%

Instructional Staff Size: District: approx. 325  
High School: approx. 120

Computers: District: 2300  
High School: 800 (including 15 Labs, 8 COWs)

## STUDENTS' COMMENTS ('03-04):

- “I enjoy the Virditional environment because it is a relaxed atmosphere where I can work at my own pace”
- “I love how you can self-pace. I work ahead because I am somewhat computer savvy and understand how to work computers well.... I also like working with classmates. There is a lot of flexibility.”
- “I had independence and I didn't feel as rushed to complete things as I did in other classes... I think that I was able to work better.”
- “I liked the independence and self-discipline.”
- “I loved working ahead. It was a nice feeling that I was truly accomplishing something!”
- “It was also convenient because in a (regular) class setting you are sometimes held back by students that goof off ... In the Virditional courses, you can work at your own pace without that affecting you.”

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- *“I like having the chance to speak with my teacher to have them explain things 1 on 1 that I don't understand...”*
- *“I feel that I have more contact with my Virtual teacher than many of my other teachers.”*
- *“I like how when you have a question about a certain issue, you have the teacher's one-on-one attention to help you ... while everyone else may not need the teacher's help at the same time...”*
- *“I feel that it helps me understand things that I may not feel comfortable with...when I do understand something, I don't need to listen to a teacher sit and explain it for a whole entire period.”*
- *“If it was a traditional class, I wouldn't really be able to ask individual questions, and if I DID ask, I wouldn't be able to ask as many questions.”*
- *“In this course I got to express my creativity, independence, and learn more about computers - I liked the course.”*
- *“It gives more of an opportunity to learn about computers and how to use them.”*
- *“Discussion boards gave me time to plan my response, and pull materials together.”*
- *“I like the discussion board. It gives everyone an equal opportunity to talk. We don't have to worry about people shouting at each other...Also, some people can better organize their thoughts in writing.”*
- *“I love the discussion boards because you can talk without feeling embarrassed or feeling like an idiot.”*
- *“There were better conversations.”*
- *“My parents were impressed that I could learn online, and I felt I learned more.”*
- *“It's a fun and different way to learn, and I liked it very much.”*