



K¹² Inc. to Provide Curriculum and School Services to the new Nevada Virtual Academy

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More than 25,000 students in 17 statewide public virtual schools use the K12 curriculum

Herndon, VA – Following approval from the Nevada State Board of Education on Saturday, March 17, 2007, the Nevada Virtual Academy became the newest statewide public virtual school to use the nationally-acclaimed curriculum and school services provided by K12 Inc.

The Nevada Virtual Academy joins 16 other statewide public virtual schools that provide students with the high quality and innovative K12 learning program; three public virtual schools located in major metropolitan cities also offer the K12 program. The K12 curriculum is currently used by more than 25,000 students and 700 teachers in public virtual schools nationwide. Many of the nation's top-performing public virtual schools are using the K12 curriculum and school services.

Beginning this fall, the Nevada Virtual Academy will serve students across the state in grades 4-8. The Academy will use the K12 curriculum to deliver to every student an individualized learning program designed for their personal academic needs. Students will access the K12 web-based lessons hosted on the K12 Online School (OLS) platform. The Academy will provide students with a computer system, Internet connection, plus access to the complete K12 web-based learning program. Other education materials (textbooks, workbooks, materials for science, art, music and other hands-on projects) will be shipped directly to the student. All students will be required to participate in the state assessment tests. Because the Nevada Virtual Academy is a public charter school, there is no cost to enroll for residents of the state.

The Academy will hire state-certified teachers to support the students in the school. Teachers will assign lessons, monitor student academic progress, and regularly communicate with the students via phone, email, Web-based "e-classrooms," and face-to-face meetings. Teachers will also organize group outings for students and families.

Bill Bukovi, Chairman of the Nevada Virtual Academy Governing Board, said, "The Nevada Virtual Academy is an exciting public education option for the parents and children of Nevada. Every year, a growing number of students across the country choose public virtual schools for their education. We're excited to now bring that option to Nevada families. Because our school will use excellent teachers, innovative instructional tools, and the K12 curriculum--which has produced successful results in many other states--parents can be confident the Nevada Virtual Academy will have the highest standards of quality and accountability, and will be the right choice for their kids."

Bukovi is a long-time resident of Nevada. He has been a public school teacher in Nevada for the past twenty years and received his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Nova University in Las Vegas. He currently resides in Henderson, NV with his wife and son.

Ron Packard, Chairman and Founder of K12 Inc., praised the partnership between K12 and the Nevada Virtual Academy Governing Board.

"K12 is pleased to be working closely with the members of the Nevada Virtual Academy Governing Board and the Nevada State Board of Education to deliver a high quality public education to students across the state," said Packard. "K12 is passionately devoted to our mission of helping students maximize their potential by providing them an excellent education program, regardless of their academic, geographical or financial circumstance."

Packard added, "K12 has developed a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that enables mastery of core concepts and skills for all types of students. The program we offer public virtual schools includes a combination of exciting Web-based lessons, traditional education materials, and teacher engagement that is focused on delivering results for students."

Founded in 2000, the Virginia-based company has developed extensive partnerships with public schools and school districts across the country, responding to the increasing demand from parents and students for access to the K12 program. In seven years, K12 has emerged as a leading provider of curriculum and school services to public virtual schools.

Central to the K12 learning program is the Online School (OLS), which hosts more than 11,000 interactive, engaging and comprehensive lessons presented in a mix of printed and multimedia forms. The K12 Online School also includes lesson

assessments, planning and progress tools, and an attendance tracking system to determine the number of instructional hours completed by the student.

K12 also partners with many school districts across the country to offer virtual school programs for students who reside inside their district boundaries. These district-operated virtual school programs use the complete K12 curriculum and education tools to provide a comprehensive education for students outside the traditional classroom.

Additionally, K12 Inc. has developed an innovative science curriculum and a suite of education tools designed for classroom instruction. The K12 classroom program includes interactive, Web-based science lessons, teacher guides, student books, hands-on-materials, and assessments. Ideal for use with an interactive whiteboard, the K12 lessons blend audio and visual stimulation to boost students' retention and motivation.

The K12 Classroom program is used by an estimated 5,000 students in 200 classrooms nationwide.

17 statewide public virtual schools using K12:

Agora Cyber Charter School (Pennsylvania)
Arizona Virtual Academy
Arkansas Virtual School
California Virtual Academies
Colorado Virtual Academy
Honors High Online of Wisconsin
Idaho Virtual Academy
Indiana Virtual Charter School
Florida Virtual Academy
Lawrence Virtual School (Kansas)
Minnesota Virtual Academy
Nevada Virtual Academy
Ohio Virtual Academy
Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School
Washington Virtual Academy
Wisconsin Virtual Academy
Utah Online Academies

Three city-wide public virtual schools using K12:

Chicago Virtual Charter School
Texas Virtual Academy (Houston, TX)
Washington D.C. Community Academy Public Charter School Online (CAPCS Online)