



## **Ohio Virtual Academy Awarded National Accreditation**

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### **The state's top-performing public eSchool accredited by Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement**

Maumee, OH – The Ohio Virtual Academy (OHVA), the state's top-performing statewide eSchool, was recently awarded accreditation by the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA) and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).

CITA awards accreditation to eligible education providers that meet its standards and requirements. The CITA accreditation process validates the school's quality through on-site reviews conducted by trained professional evaluators. Accreditation also validates the diploma eligibility and facilitates the transfer of credit to universities and other schools worldwide.

CITA certification recognizes that "Ohio Virtual Academy has demonstrated to the international academic community that it effectively advances the quality of the educational experiences it provides for its students and is in compliance with the standards of the Commission."

To earn accreditation from North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, a school must demonstrate high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and implement a continuous school improvement plan focused on increasing student performance. NAS CASI accreditation provides the Ohio Virtual Academy an external mark of quality and a measurement of progress focused on raising student academic achievement.

"The students, parents, teachers, support staff, and administration of Ohio Virtual Academy are proud and excited that our school is accredited by two leading organizations in CITA and NAS CASI," said Susan Stagner, Ohio Virtual Academy Head of School. "These accreditations demonstrate our school's commitment to excellence, high quality academic programs, and student success."

### **Ohio Virtual Academy**

OHVA is a statewide public eSchool that currently serves more than 4,000 students in grades K-11. Next year, the school will also serve students in twelfth grade. OHVA has been the top-scoring statewide eSchool four years in a row and received an Effective school rating in 2006 from the Ohio Department of Education. OHVA uses the nationally-acclaimed curriculum provided by K12 Inc. – a leading provider of curriculum and services to public schools across the country. OHVA is chartered by the Ohio Council of Community Schools. ([www.ohva.org](http://www.ohva.org))

### **The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation**

As a global leader in accreditation, CITA provides systems of accreditation around the world. CITA Standards promote quality schools and continuous improvement to enhance student success. CITA provides standards for education systems and develops customized accreditation protocols, including quality standards for distance learning institutions. CITA accreditation engages CITA schools in the world's largest network of accredited schools. Today, members of the CITA Alliance accredit more than 30,000 schools in 100 countries, touching over 10 million students. ([www.citaschools.org](http://www.citaschools.org))

### **The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement**

NCA CASI is a non-governmental, voluntary association that accredits 8,500 public and private elementary and secondary schools in 19 states, the Navajo Nation, and the Department of Defense Schools. NCA CASI is an accreditation division of AdvancED, which represents the unification of NCA CASI, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement and the National Study of School Evaluation. ([www.ncacasi.org](http://www.ncacasi.org))