**What is HAVA?**

HAVA or Hamburg Area Virtual Academy is the district's full-time online learning program.

**Does the family pay for HAVA or virtual courses?**

No.  The school district covers the courses’ tuition. The school district also supplies a computer and a printer if needed. The family is responsible for supplying internet access for when students work from home. Some dual-credit courses do require the family to pay the additional cost for the college credit.

**Do Hamburg teachers teach the virtual courses?**

No. The school district purchases virtual learning services from 3 providers: Edgenuity, Pearson Connexus and VHS Learning. Their teachers teach the courses and supply content support.

**What do I do if I have technical difficulties?**

First, contact the providers tech support. Once you discuss the problem with them, they can either help you correct it or refer you to Hamburg IT if the problem is the computer.

**Do HAVA courses follow the same curriculum as in-the-building courses?**

No.  HAVA courses cover about the same content but in a different sequence and format.  Therefore, it is highly recommended that students enter HAVA at the beginning of the semester and do not attempt to start a virtual class mid semester.

**Are HAVA students able to participate in extra-curricular activities offered in the district?**

Yes.  HAVA students are eligible for all the same service as students who attend school in the buildings.

**Do HAVA students work online live with other students?**

No.  All the HAVA providers deliver asynchronous learning which means the courses are self-paced.  Elementary Core courses do offer a weekly live lesson with the teacher.

**When do HAVA students have to be online?**

All virtual courses are self-paced and do not require a student to be online at a certain time. However, to be consider present in school on any school day, the student must log in and complete all assignments scheduled in each course calendar each school day, at any time during that date. If the student falls behind in a course, at least 45 minutes of work must be completed in any course that is behind pace. When a student does not meet these minimum requirements, a parent must submit an excuse stating why the student did not work the minimum amount that day. That excuse will be forwarded to the attendance office and be determined as an excused or an unexcused absence.