

Virtual School Offers Students, Parents a Choice

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Wisconsin's high school students and their parents have another choice in learning to consider – Insight School of Wisconsin, an accredited, tuition-free online Wisconsin public high school made possible through a partnership with the Grantsburg Public School District.

“Virtual schools are a viable option for students whose needs may not be well-served in a traditional school setting,” said Jeff Bush, Executive Director of Insight Schools of Wisconsin.

Insight School of Wisconsin will be hosting 32 information sessions across the state in February. Staff, teachers, current students and their parents will be on hand to talk about curriculum options, demonstrate how on-line instruction works and answer questions. Snacks will be provided and participants can enter to win two OfficeMax gift cards.

“These sessions will be fun and educational,” said Bush. “Families can discover first-hand what a virtual school is and how it might be a good fit for students.”

While technology has completely changed how the world conducts business, it has been fairly slow to catch on in the learning community.

But that's changing.

This year there are 12 virtual schools operating in Wisconsin that educate thousands of students. Nationwide, 700,000 kids attend virtual schools. Insight School of Wisconsin is part of the nation's largest national network of online high schools and offers the largest course catalog of online high school classes in Wisconsin, with over 120 courses, grouped to address students with different backgrounds and aspirations.

“What's unique about virtual schools is that they're powered by students – not institutions,” said Bush. “The flexible structure helps students succeed.”

The typical Insight School student may be an advanced learner; previously homeschooled; a student with health or physical challenges; or someone who may have struggled socially in a traditional school or needs flexibility to work or train during the day. To ensure access to learning, full-time Insight School students receive a school-issued laptop, printer and support with internet access.

Through Insight's affiliate school, the University of Phoenix—the largest accredited private university in North America—students can now enroll in “dual credit” courses. Juniors or seniors will be able to earn up to 12 college credits online while simultaneously earning high school credit by participating in the Pathways Program at Axia College, University of Phoenix.

For more information about Insight Schools or to find an information session near you, visit www.insightwi.net or call 1-866-800-0027.