



STARS Virtual Academy Proposal

Introduction to STARS Charter School

- Founded in 1999 in Moore County, NC
- Current enrollment: 884 students with a 500+ waitlist
- Focus on innovation and personalized education
- History of adapting to meet diverse student needs
- Currently serve students from 5 counties

Online Academy Trends in North Carolina

- Some of our surrounding PSUs operate successful virtual academies, however some do not, and some do not offer the grade levels SVA will offer
- SVA will offer an alternative option and a specific grade level option that might not otherwise be available to parents
- Growing demand for parents to control more of their child's educational experience
- SVA designed to meet this evident need
- SVA will also offer STARS brick-and-mortar teachers the opportunity to expand their current roles in education





STARS Virtual Academy Overview

- Grades 4-9 with initial enrollment of 134 students
- Full virtual academy using Edmentum platform
- Aligns with state instructional standards
- Combines synchronous and asynchronous learning

Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning

- Scheduled live lessons for core subjects
- Flexible, recorded lessons and resources
- Customizable schedules for assignment completion





SVA Learner Profile

- Organized and independent
- Reflective and confident
- Digitally fluent
- Supported by coaching (Family and SVA Staff) and resources to develop skills

Curriculum and Technology

- Core curriculum powered by Edmentum's EdOptions Academy
- Supplemental teacher-created materials—initially more geared to Exceptional Children's needs
- Access to Office 365 tools
- Hardware and internet provided to all students



STARS Historical/Current Approaches and Vision

STARS Historical/Current Approaches:

- Piloted a four-day week to improve student outcomes
- Currently implement a 4-day school week with half-day Fridays focused student intervention
- Tutoring delivered by our best teachers to the students who need it most embedded in the school day based on real-time data

Vision:

- Meet parent demand for flexible, high-quality education
- Support students, families, and teachers
- Position STARS as a leader in remote learning
- Allow STARS to continue to try to integrate online learning in various ways to best suit all students

