



### **About Tennessee Virtual Academy (TNVA)**

Tennessee Virtual Academy, a nonprofit public school, is a full-time online school offered through Union County Public Schools, serving students in grades kindergarten through ninth grade. TNVA follows all state accountability standards and requirements and uses Tennessee-certified teachers who provide instruction and support. The school offers flexible and personalized programs adaptable for all types of learners, including students with special needs, medical challenges, and others who struggled in traditional brick-and-mortar schools.

### **School Population (as of December 2022)**

Enrollment: 3350 students

Staff: 235 teachers, administrators, & staff

Special Education: 13.3%

### **Academic Initiatives in 2022-2023**

- Data-driven instruction and more effective academic programs
- New teacher training and instructional tools
- Customized assessments to measure learning gaps and gains
- Emphasis on additional small group and one-on-one instruction
- Increased enrichment and remediation for struggling students
- Better and more frequent parent-teacher communication for student programs

### **TNVA Teachers**

- TNVA teachers are highly qualified, state-certified teachers. They are a dedicated team of educators who provide instruction, assessment, and support to meet the individual needs of every student.
- TNVA follows the same state-mandated student-teacher ratios followed by all TN schools

### **Accountability**

- TNVA is held to the highest level of accountability and follows all the same state laws and requirements of all public schools. TNVA students participate in state tests and must adhere to academic and attendance policies.
- TNVA provides full services to special education students, ELL students, homeless students, students with a 504, and economically disadvantaged students, however the state does not provide TNVA special education, or Title I funds.

## **TNVA Meets the Individual Needs of Students**

- A young autistic boy named Matthew was struggling in his traditional school and falling behind. Matthew's mother, Arika, enrolled her son at TNVA where he received an Individualized Education Plan. Working with TNVA's teachers and specialists, Matthew improved his communication skills and performed above grade level.
- Michael had developmental delays and was constantly bullied during his first year of middle school. After months of failed intervention, Michael's mother, Karen, enrolled him in TNVA. Now in his second year, Michael is the happiest he's been in years while thriving and making academic gains through TNVA's unique personalized structure.
- A high achieving TNVA student battling cancer balanced treatment and academics successfully graduated from middle school last year.
- Dan'yeI heralds TNVA as a blessing for her two special needs and gifted children. They can work at their own pace while she remains involved every step of the way. Both students finished the year with straight A's.
- A 5<sup>th</sup> grade student with dyslexia was pulled out of his local school because he was a victim of bullying. Through TNVA, he has made friends through online school clubs and is motivated by the individual support he receives from his teachers.