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Your Online Learning Partner

Online Learning Solutions

for the Challenges of Christian Education

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Christian schools face the following unique challenges that they must overcome to excel in today's competitive educational marketplace:

- Offering as many courses as larger high schools.
- Having less per-pupil funding than most public and charter schools.
- Convincing parents that their school's education is significantly better than free alternatives.
- Serving the individual needs of students, including:
  - Out-of-sequence courses for new students and athletes.
  - Advanced placement and dual credit college courses for academically driven students.
  - Credit recovery for students who fall behind.
- Integrating academics and a Biblical worldview.
- Maintaining your mission and independence while doing all of the above.

As teaching technology has advanced, online education has emerged as a way to confront these challenges. With our online course service, Christian schools and families have a promising new way to reach their education goals.

While there are many online learning options available from Christian and secular providers, we believe that our commitment to the Christian education mission and our proven online learning experience makes us well-suited to help Christian schools meet their challenges head-on with online education.

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How Sevenstar's Online Learning Programs Can Help Your School

Christian schools and their students can benefit from flexible and cost-effective online learning solutions from Sevenstar.

Sevenstar's pace chart and expert online educators will help keep students on track to meet academic goals.

- **Flexibility:** Students can start online classes on any Monday of the year and work through courses at their own pace in your school's computer lab, at home, or even on the go with a laptop or tablet. Providing academics that are as high quality as free alternatives.
- **Cost-effectiveness:** Our service includes the teacher and enables you to enroll individual students in courses. The price to teach a student online is typically a fraction of the cost of traditional Christian education.

Expand Your School's Curriculum

By providing access to a full catalog of high-quality, academically-rigorous courses, Sevenstar helps your school offer more classes without increasing your faculty's teaching workload or building new learning facilities. This is an ideal solution for schools that would like to offer their students access to:

- A greater variety of Advanced Placement courses.
- More foreign language options, including an ELL/ESL track.
- A flexible and convenient summer school program.
- A wider variety of electives.
- College level courses for dual credit.

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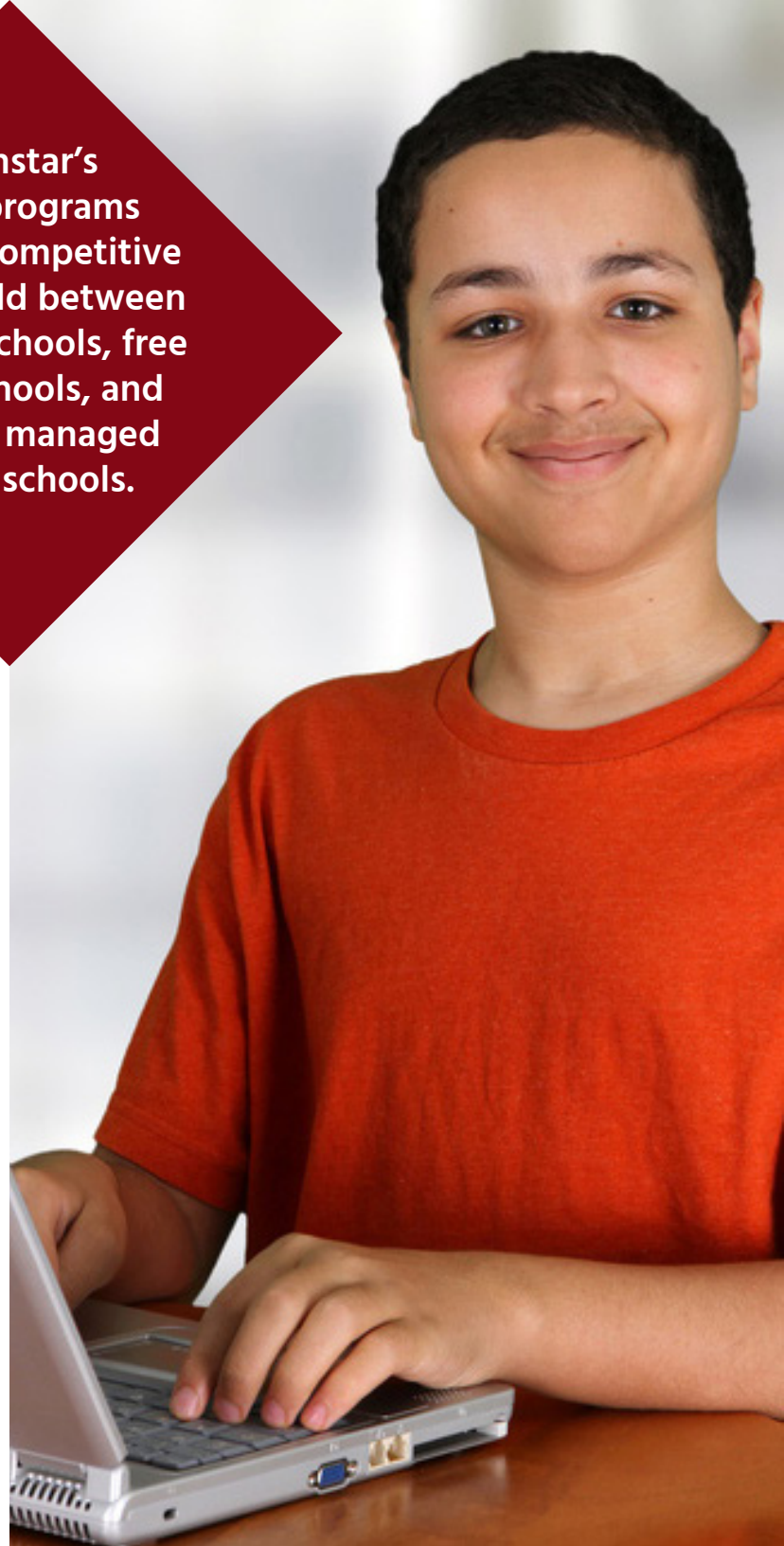
Solve Christian Education Challenges

The benefits of online education go beyond the ability to fill in curriculum gaps. Sevenstar helps level the competitive playing field for Christian schools that compete for students with free public schools and privately managed charter schools. With online learning from Sevenstar, Christian schools can:

- Respond quickly to demands for new courses from students, parents, and faculty.
- Fill teacher gaps.
- Support new students who are entering out of sequence and get them back on track.
- Resolve schedule conflicts for students.
- Accommodate non-traditional scheduling needs for students who are gifted in academics, fine arts, or athletics.
- Create new revenue streams by charging tuition for online courses:
  - Expand summer school options to serve students from your school as well as the surrounding area.
  - Reach out to homeschoolers with valuable academic options.
  - Start a distance learning program to support a missionary family.
- Save money and keep tuition low by offering niche courses online.
- Avoid sending students off-campus to fulfill their educational needs and
- wishes.

Sevenstar's online programs level the competitive playing field between Christian schools, free public schools, and privately managed charter schools.



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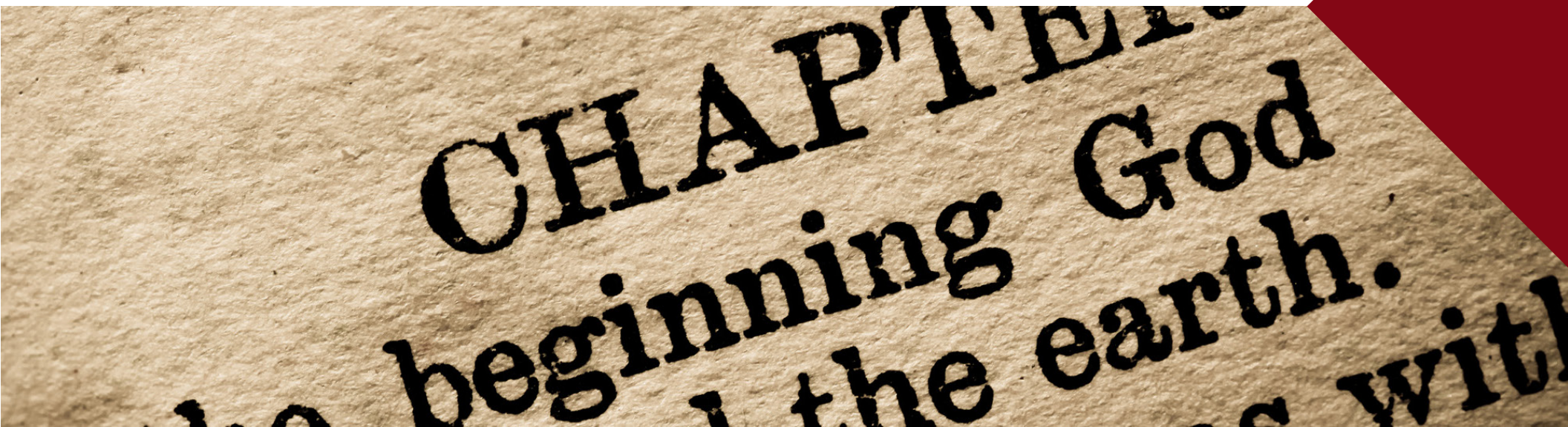
The Sevenstar Experience:
The Benefits of Partnering With Sevenstar For Online Learning

BIBLICAL INTEGRATION

Biblical integration is bringing faith to bear upon learning; it is evaluating and assimilating new information in the context of a biblical worldview.

Helping young people grow in their faith and their understanding of God's role in the world and in their lives is at the heart of what we do at Sevenstar. Your school's parents could have chosen to send their children to free public schools, but they chose instead to send their children to your Christian school for a reason—because your school grows hearts as well as minds. This is the difference between Sevenstar's online classes and the free online classes offered by public institutions.

Our biblical integration process starts by reviewing the best online courses currently available. Each course is then biblically integrated by Christian educators with more than 500 years of combined experience teaching a Christ-centered worldview. This year-long process incorporates the wisdom and experience of teachers, pastors, theologians, college professors, and Christian school leaders at all levels. The original authors and editors forged a model that has been successfully applied to expand Sevenstar's catalog each year with courses from other award-winning publishers. It has also been deployed successfully in the introduction of brand new course content, created from the ground up by Sevenstar's professional instructional designers.



Access A Full Catalog of The Best Online Courses Available

Every Sevenstar partner has access to our catalog of more than 100 courses for sixth through twelfth grade education in:

- English and language arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social studies
- Foreign languages
- The Bible

In addition to these subject areas, we offer several engaging electives and credit recovery options. Our philosophy is to start with the best and make it better; our courses are licensed from the national leaders in online education, including Florida Virtual School, Aventa, Summit Ministries, eDynamics, and PrepMe.

Our online courses prepare students for college and beyond by teaching them how to learn independently, manage their time, think critically, collaborate online, stay self-motivated, and take responsibility for their work.

Sevenstar's online curriculum is designed to engage 21st century learners. Each course is designed in a rich multi-media format, which includes lesson modules with avatars, simulators, images, and videos. Our online courses effectively engage students who might otherwise be tuned out. The graphic elements appeal to different learning intelligences, particularly to visual and kinesthetic learners who are harder to engage with traditional teaching methods.

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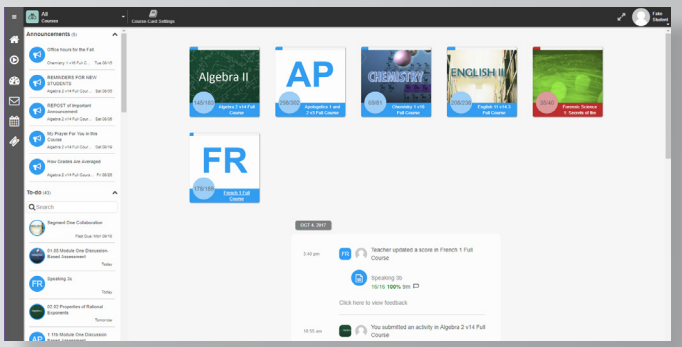

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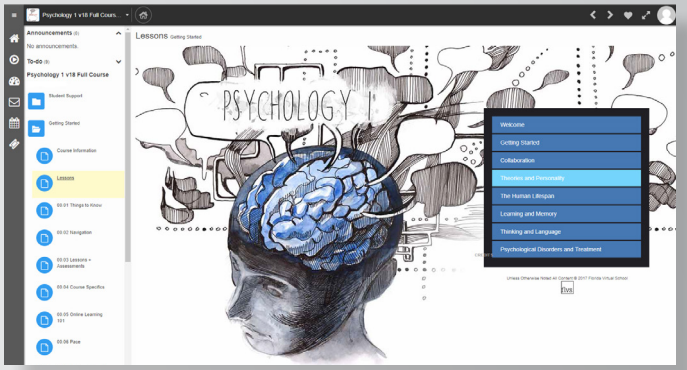

An online course from the student's perspective in a browser window.

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Students will interact with our online courses in a variety of ways by:

- Clicking on the headset icon and listening to the text being presented.
- Engaging in online, moderated discussions.
- Viewing simulations of virtual labs and simulated dialogs with avatars.
- Participating in “close activities” which provide a structure to repeat and practice.
- Organizing, categorizing, matching, and memorizing through interactive graphics.
- Completing questions, self-assessments, and study guides.

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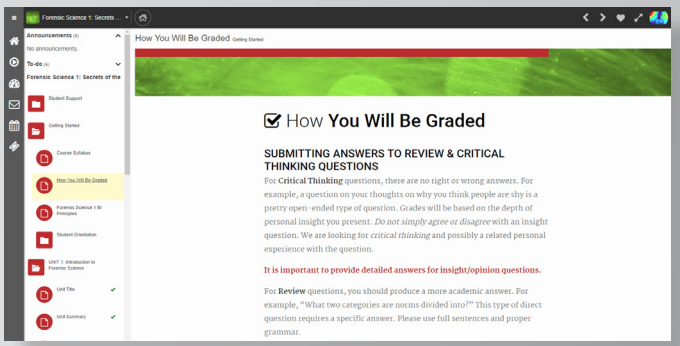
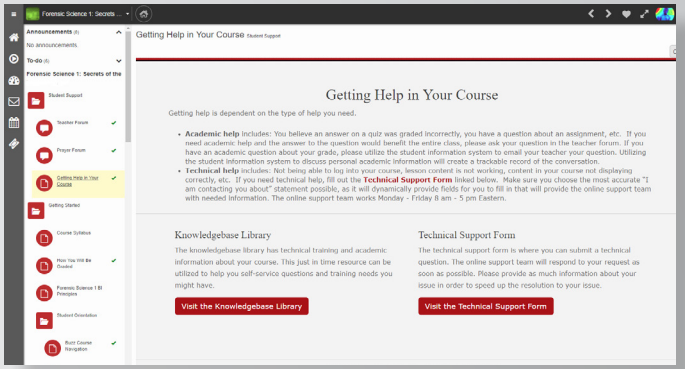
- Our Advanced Placement (AP) courses have met the rigorous standards of the College Board.
- The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recognizes a Sevenstar Academy transcript for use by elite athletes.
- Many of our courses have gone through an additional approval process from both California state university systems: the University of California and the California State University.



Each course starts with student orientation and an introduction.



Our support team and online instructors are ready to help.

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Dual-Credit And Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are one of the most common requests from the highest achieving students and their families at Christian schools. Sevenstar provides ten of these courses to strengthen college applications.

Our dual-credit courses are another option for students wanting to get a head start on college and earn credits. Sevenstar has partnerships with some of the nation's most highly regarded Christian colleges and universities to offer students post-secondary online courses. In total, more than 100 challenging college-level courses are available through our dual-credit program.

Certified Christian Instructors

Since course content is delivered online, students are supported along the way by highly-qualified instructors. Our online instructors are facilitators rather than lecturers. They answer questions related to the subject matter, grade, and provide feedback on assignments and assessments. They also engage students through discussion forums, email, and regularly scheduled calls and chats. All our instructors are experienced and deeply care about cultivating students in the Christian faith. Each one desires to serve as a Christian role model for his or her students.

Schools who wish to use their own faculty to teach an online course can do so with our program. Many of your school's current teachers will be excited about the opportunity to teach online. Retired teachers and those on leave often make good candidates for the online facilitator role. While your school may be able to save money on fees by using your own teachers, Sevenstar also provides the security of knowing that an experienced online facilitator is always available for every course in our catalog.

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Expert Guidance

Learning something new is always easier with a great teacher. The same holds true for a school partnership with Sevenstar. A professional implementation manager from Sevenstar will be there to assist your team; we call them **School Services Specialists.** When your school partners with Sevenstar for online learning, your **School Services Specialist** will be right there by your side, helping you to:

- **Get started** by collaborating on the development of an implementation plan to achieve your online program goals.
- **Successfully operate your new program** by providing on-going training and sharing best practices.
- **Achieve your school goals** to retain students, increase enrollment, expand curriculum, grow revenue, stay competitive, and make disciples of Christ.
- **Review the success of your program** by continually improving plans for the next enrollment term and expanding your online program.

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How Does It Work? Your School's Online Program

Every school has different needs for online learning. The Sevenstar Custom solution provides the following features to help your school easily start and manage its own online program:

- **Brand your Program:** Your school's brand has value; it is recognizable to your community. With Sevenstar Custom, your school has the ability to brand the online learning environment with its school logo and colors.

- **Use your Teachers:** By using your own teachers your school can significantly reduce the cost of using Sevenstar to provide online courses to students. For a nominal fee, Sevenstar will train your teachers to become an online course facilitator. Your school can also opt to use a Sevenstar online facilitator for any course in our catalog.

- **Create Courses:** Your school can order any course in the Sevenstar catalog and modify it to achieve specific learning objectives. Your school can also create, purchase, or license other courses. Our product development team is available to provide professional services to assist in the creation of an online course specifically for your school.

- **Set Prices:** After your school builds or purchases Sevenstar courses at wholesale prices, your school will set the retail price that it charges families. This enables your school to adjust tuition to generate revenue, achieve a profit, provide scholarships, or set retail prices that match local market conditions.

- **Customize the Catalog:** Your school can add to or remove from the list of online courses that are available for your students to take.

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How To Get Started

The best way to get started with a Christian online learning program is to sign up for a free Online Learning Discovery Call by clicking the button below. You will be asked to fill out a short self-assessment about your school's wants and needs for an online program. You will then be connected with one of Sevenstar's dedicated Online Education Specialists who will make recommendations and explain the requirements for becoming a Sevenstar Custom partner school.

The Online Learning Discovery Call
Request a FREE Assessment and Roadmap to Online Education Success
Get Started with the Self-Assessment

You can also contact us on or website or call 513-612-1029. One of our experts will follow-up with you promptly. This free consultation will include a discussion of:

- Whether the Sevenstar Custom partnership program is a good fit for your school's objectives, staff, and budget.
- What resources your school has to meet its goals and cover typical costs.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you to provide online education that will help shape the minds and hearts of the next generation of Christian students!

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