



What prompted your school to begin offering health online over the summer?

We wanted to create more space for students to take other valuable electives such as a Strength and Conditioning, Fine Arts, and AP Courses.

What types of students primarily benefit from this summer program?

The online health course has helped several types of students including:

- **High-achieving students** who need space for an additional AP course
- **Low-achieving students** who need a study hall
- **Students who excels in fine arts or athletics** and would like to take an additional course to support those efforts

Have your students been successful with online learning?

Yes—We typically have over 50 students in online health each summer, and 99% of them successfully complete and pass the course. We usually have one student drop it each year because they decide it does not fit with their summer schedule.

What factors do you attribute to your students being successful?

We clearly communicate the expectations of students and require good time management skills. We also provide regular reminders and feedback throughout the course.

What best practices can you share about ensuring student success?

Good communication with families is the primary reason for our success. Our process is to:

1. **Provide** an informational packet prior to registration
2. **Send** an informational email after registration
3. **Host** a student/parent orientation meeting to set clear expectations for the course and outline possible problem areas
4. **Require** parents to sign a waiver acknowledging certain details about the course
5. **Have** our school administrator send regular reminders about deadlines and progress throughout the course

The course is graded on a 100-point scale, but we recommend that Health be offered as a pass/fail course so that it does not impact GPA. The school administrator should also develop a good working relationship with the online teacher to keep students on track.

Why is the Christian worldview important in this online course?

As a Christian school, it is important that our Christian mission is upheld in all our courses. We have confidence in Sevenstar to uphold our Christian mission as it pertains to the Health course. We have worked with Sevenstar for several years and are very comfortable with our partnership as it relates to our school's Christian mission.

What are the most important aspects of managing an online summer program?

Good communication and organization are required for this job. Students and parents need to have a clear picture of what the course will be like and understand the commitment. We use a multi-step approach to accomplish this goal by sending a FAQ prior to registration and by hosting an orientation meeting to help families understand course expectations. Once the course begins, students and parents should be emailed once to twice a week to keep students on track. The teacher of the online course should also be emailed once a week to identify struggling students. The overall goal of the manager should be to set clear expectations and have multiple checkpoints to ensure that expectations are met.