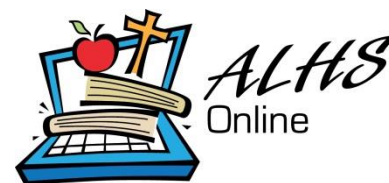


# ALHS Online Update – February 2018

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The purpose of this brief report is to update WELS Schools on the blessings ALHS Online has received from a gracious God during 2017-18, which marks the seventh year of ALHSO course offerings.

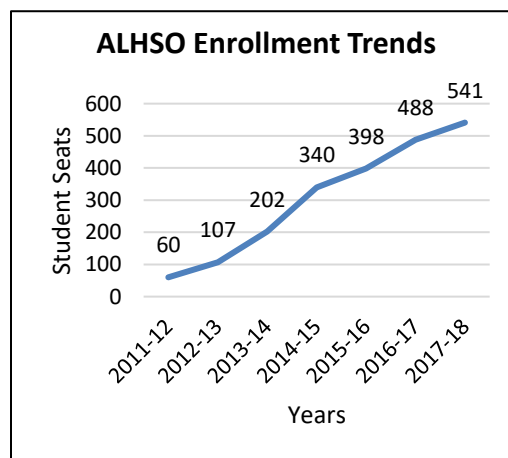
**2017-18 Course Enrollment:** It was gratifying to see the continued strong participation, both in the number of students enrolled and the schools involved.

The chart below indicates the official number of students enrolled in each course for 2017-18. The chart on the right indicates student seat enrollment from various schools. The chart in the lower right shows enrollment trends during the first 7 years. To God be the glory.

| Enrollment numbers by Course:                        |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Course Name  | Sem-1      | Sem-2      |
| Art: Creative Process                                | 10         |            |
| Introduction to Multimedia                           | 8          |            |
| Intro to Programming                                 | 32         |            |
| Web Page Design                                      | 16         |            |
| Algebra 1 (7-8 <sup>th</sup> grades)                 | 35         | 31         |
| Chinese 1  | 8          | 5          |
| Chinese 2  | 3          | 2          |
| German 1   | 7          | 7          |
| German 2   | 9          | 9          |
| German 3   | 3          | 3          |
| Latin 1  | 11         | 9          |
| Latin 2  | 2          | 2          |
| Latin 3  | 4          | 4          |
| Spanish 1A (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades) | 33         | 18         |
| Spanish 1B (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)                   | 3          | 3          |
| AP Computer Science A                                | 5          | 4          |
| AP English: Lit. & Comp.                             | 6          | 6          |
| AP Environmental Sci.                                | 6          | 6          |
| AP Psychology  | 53         | 50         |
| AP U.S. History                                      | 4          | 4          |
| Anatomy & Physiology I & II                          | 15         | 16         |
| World Regional Geography                             | 6          | 5          |
| Art and Architecture                                 |            | 3          |
| Art of Digital Photography                           |            | 18         |
| Astronomy  |            | 9          |
| Computer Graphics                                    |            | 13         |
| Game Programming                                     |            | 22         |
| Intro to Psychology                                  |            | 13         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>279</b> | <b>262</b> |
| 2016-17 actual                                       | 254        | 234        |

| Seat Enrollment by School: |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| School                     | Sem-1      | Sem-2      |
| ApLHS                      | 17         | 17         |
| ALA                        | 1          | 0          |
| CLHS                       | 5          | 5          |
| DSA                        | 10         | 7          |
| ELHS                       | 8          | 8          |
| FVL                        | 2          | 2          |
| GPL                        | 1          | 1          |
| HVL                        | 1          | 0          |
| ILHS                       | 10         | 8          |
| KML                        | 8          | 15         |
| LHS                        | 1          | 1          |
| LLHS                       | 0          | 1          |
| LPS                        | 7          | 9          |
| MaLHS                      | 34         | 38         |
| MiLHS                      | 4          | 4          |
| MLS                        | 11         | 11         |
| MVL                        | 42         | 42         |
| NELHS                      | 8          | 7          |
| NLHS                       | 2          | 2          |
| RML                        | 3          | 3          |
| SLHS                       | 3          | 3          |
| West                       | 4          | 6          |
| WLA                        | 25         | 20         |
| Public/Home                | 1          | 1          |
| LES (7-8th)                | 71         | 51         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>279</b> | <b>262</b> |

**Note:** The LES (7-8<sup>th</sup>) category above is comprised of 20 WELS Lutheran Elementary schools.

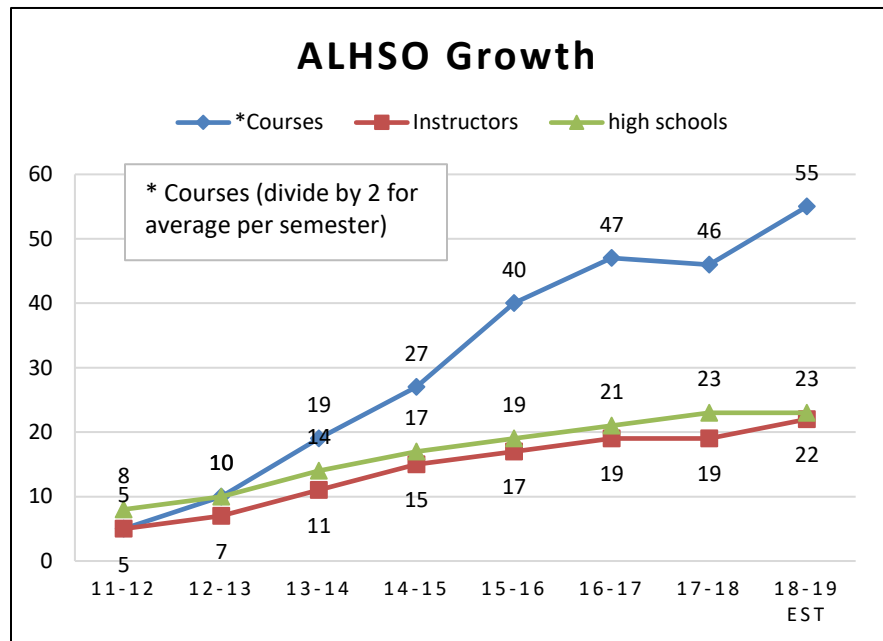


**Middle School Courses:** ALHSO is in its third year of offering Spanish 1A, 1B, and Algebra 1 online to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with students from 20 schools. (Spanish 1A plus 1B spreads out the content of a typical first-year high school course across two years.) Spanish 1A had 33 students enrolled first semester, but only 18 second semester. Most drops came from a single school that decided to enroll all nineteen 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the start of semester 1, even though many had no interest in Spanish. This mass enrollment practice will not be allowed in the future. Courses are intended for academically qualified, self-motivated students only.

Algebra 1 had an enrollment of 35 first and 31 second semester students from 13 schools. In 2018-19, Algebra 1 will be limited to only 20 students unless a second instructor can be located. Geometry will be added as an option for highly qualified students that have already completed Algebra 1.

**Future courses:** ALHSO has been able to expand its course offerings over the years as indicated in this chart. Feedback from WELS schools is very important in not only planning future course offerings, but also locating qualified instructors.

Qualified instructors are the most important factor in determining the quality of courses. ALHS Online is very thankful for the instructors it has, but additional instructors are needed. Four new instructors are being trained in online teaching for 2018-19.



**New or Revised Courses:** The courses below will debut in 2018-19.

**American Sign Language 1** – full-year (11-12<sup>th</sup> grade, second year anticipated in 2019-20)

**Geometry**– full-year (targeted for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but open to grades 8-12)

**Creative Writing** – 1<sup>st</sup> semester (11-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Da Vinci Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> semester (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade, STEAM course)

**Game Programming** – revised from a second-semester course to a full-year course

**Intro to Programing** – remains a single-semester course, but will be offered both semesters

**Note:** Course descriptions, grade levels, and pre-requisites for all courses are available in the *ALHS Online Course Descriptions* document located in *Resources* on the ALHSO website <http://alhs.org>.

**2018-19 Registration Materials:** Registration materials for 2018-19 are available on the ALHSO website <http://alhs.org> under *Resources*, and were emailed to each school's contact person.

ALHSO will once again allow bulk registration (10 or more students) via spreadsheet, as well as online registration through TADS, where direct tuition invoicing of parents will be possible. Schools will receive additional details in late February.

**Feedback:** If you have questions, or suggestions for additional courses, course instructors, program improvement suggestions, or anything else, please feel free to contact ALHSO superintendent Jim Grunwald at [grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu) or 507-217-1574 (cell).