

# ALHS Online Update Report – February 2020

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## 2019-20 Course Enrollments:

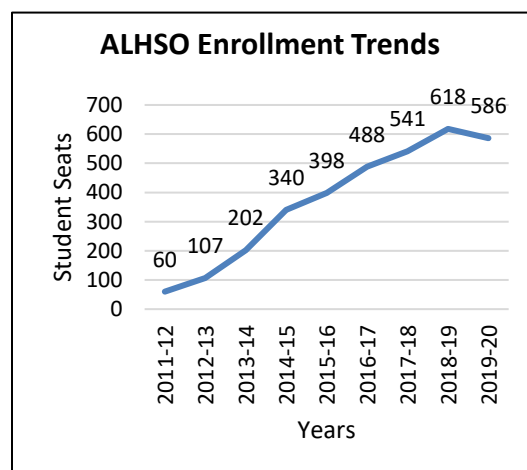
ALHS Online has continued to receive many blessings from a gracious God during 2019-20, which marks the ninth year of ALHSO course offerings.

The chart below indicates the official number of students enrolled in each course for 2019-20. The chart on the right indicates student seat enrollment from various schools. The chart in the lower right shows enrollment trends during the first 9 years. Enrollments appear to be leveling off at about 600 per year.

Enrollment numbers by Course:		
Course Name	Sem. I	Sem. II
Art: Creative Process	5	
Creative Writing	16	
Da Vinci Club	5	
Game Programming 1	3	
How Church Grows Close to Home	4	
Introduction to Multimedia	7	
Intro to Programming	14	
Web Page Design	6	
World Regional Geography	19	
Algebra 1 (7-8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	44	43
American Sign Language I	19	15
Chinese 1	6	5
Chinese 2	2	2
Geometry	10	9
German 1	11	11
German 2	8	8
German 3	5	5
German 4	12	12
Latin 1	5	4
Latin 2	3	3
Latin 3	6	4
Spanish 1A (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	12	10
Spanish 1B (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	6	5
AP Computer Science A	7	6
AP English: Lit. & Comp.	0	1
AP Environmental Sci.	12	12
AP Psychology (+8 from ApLHS)	46	44
AP U.S. History	2	2
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	18	17
Art and Architecture		5
Astronomy		5
Computer Graphics		2
Digital Photography		7
Game Programming 1		8
Game Programming 2		3
How Church Grows in the World		4
Intro to Programming		4
Intro to Psychology		13
Science Fiction/Fantasy Literature		4
<b>2019-20 Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>273</b>

Seat Enrollment by School:		
School	Sem-1	Sem-2
ALA	2	2
ApLHS	9	5
CLHS	9	7
DSA	16	17
ELHS	8	4
FVL	1	0
GPL	2	1
ILHS	6	6
KML	17	19
LHS	2	2
LLHS	4	5
LPS	9	10
MaLHS	24	14
MLS	25	11
MVL	38	40
NELHS	11	10
NLHS	7	7
RML	5	3
SCLA	1	1
SLHS	4	4
West	6	8
WiLHS	5	3
WLA	28	23
Public/Home	5	6
LES (7-8th)	69	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>273</b>

**Note:** The LES (7-8<sup>th</sup>) category above is comprised of 32 WELS Lutheran Elementary schools.



**Middle-School Courses:** ALHSO is in its fifth year of offering Spanish 1A, 1B, and Algebra 1 online to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and the second year for Geometry. ALHSO has seen the number of schools participating and students enrolling in the courses, especially mathematics courses, continue to grow each year. A record 32 WELS Lutheran elementary schools are participating this year, up from 20 in 2018-19. ALHSO has greatly subsidized the cost of offering these courses during the first five years. Tuition will gradually increase in the coming years so income gets closer to covering instructor costs.

**Summer Term:** ALHSO offered two courses in the summer of 2019 on a trial basis. Enrollment in both courses was relatively low. Currently, ALHSO does not plan on offering a 2020 summer term.

**New Courses:** ALHSO will be adding three new courses in 2020-21.

*American Sign Language (ASL) 2* – full-year course for students that have completed *ASL 1*

*AP Computer Science Principles* – full-year course for students interested in computer science

*Medical Terminology* – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester course for students interested in health/medical fields

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://alhso.org>.

**2020-21 Registration Materials:** Registration materials for 2020-21 are available on the ALHSO website <http://alhso.org> under *Resources*, and were emailed to each school's contact person in mid-February. Tuition and registration fees were increase slightly to keep up with increased teacher/administrative costs. (Tuition had not increased in five years.) Registration is expected to open February 24.

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 is possible.



**Accreditation:** The ongoing mission of ALHSO is to develop and offer a set of online courses taught from a scriptural perspective which empower WELS schools to better serve their students through expanded curricular offerings. In an effort to continually review and improve its service to WELS schools, ALHSO is seeking accreditation as a “Learning Service Provider” through Middle States Association - Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools ([MSA-CESS](http://msa-cess.org)). As part of that process, ALHSO conducted an extensive self-assessment. Stakeholders were surveyed February/March 2019 and the data analyzed. Action plans have been developed to help guide ALHSO in continuing to meet the growing needs of its stakeholders. God-willing, ALHSO will complete the accreditation process in April of 2020 as it begins to implement the action plans in the following areas.

1. Improved quality and quantity of communication with all stakeholders, especially parents.
2. Establish a leadership succession process and diversification of responsibilities to ensure ALHSO's ongoing effective and efficient management.
3. Expand course offerings to better meet the needs of parents and students, especially in outlying areas of the WELS where WELS high schools are currently not available. This would also necessitate identifying and expanding a pool of qualified online instructors.
4. Improve student performance on AP exam scores to exceed national averages.

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