

**VGV Charter Support Initiative
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**Village Green Virtual Charter School
(Providence, Rhode Island)**

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Project Team

This team should have 2-5 members, in addition to the Charter Leader and Project Lead listed before. The team can include any staff members, board members, and/or parent and student representatives.

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School-Defined Goals

What goals does our charter have going into this initiative?

The major goal of this initiative is to create a "state-of-the-art" STEM Lab and have it fully equipped and functional by October 10, 2022. Although the majority of use will be for science labs, the room will also house a makerspace with CAD stations for design, and 3-D printers and other equipment for student use in making their ideas a reality. VGV has acquired the space recently vacated by the U-Melt Restaurant which will become our STEM Lab. Village Green Charter School was founded in 2013 and chartered to use Edgenuity as its primary curriculum delivery system with a fully virtualized curriculum-all Edgenuity science labs are virtual.

A second goal is to use this opportunity to include three of our young faculty members, who we consider strong candidates for future leadership roles, to participate in bringing our STEM lab to fruition

A third goal is to create an annual science fair. The STEM Lab's makerspace will provide a means for students to design and build their projects (if needed).

Over the last two school years, what were the impacts of COVID-19 on our program, and how do we seek to address new needs?

Instructional time in all courses was significantly reduced due to: student and teacher absenteeism due to Covid-19. Changes to begin Fall 2022:

Instructional time will be significantly increased by physical plant, bell schedule, and program of study restructuring:

- Science and History instructional time will be increased from the current 100 minutes per week to 300 minutes per week.
- Math and ELA instructional time will be increased from the current 150 minutes per week to 300 minutes per week.
- The current class time will be increased from the current 50 minutes to 60 minutes.
- The four core content courses (ELA, Math, Science, and History) will meet every day, five times a week. Currently they meet 2 to 3 times a week.
- Assessed NGSS Science courses will each conduct a minimum of two labs per month in the new STEM lab.

- As part of the LEAP Initiative, specifically the "A" for acceleration, summer school will be available for students to close skill gaps and complete coursework.

How do we hope to establish a multi-year plan for academic success?

- HQ math was implemented this year using "Illustrative Math" well in advance of the RIDE'S deadline to implement HQ Math. More teacher PD is needed and planned on using the new curriculum.
 - HQ ELA will be implemented this coming fall. The HQ ELA product "Odell" has been purchased and shipped to VGV. ELA teachers have access well in advance of the RIDE'S deadline to implement HQ ELA. Initial teacher PD is being scheduled for the end of this school year.
 - HQ Science will be researched and selected in the spring 2023.
 - Two new positions have been created for 2022-2023: Director of LEAP Initiatives; and, MTSS Coordinator. The PLP (Personal Literacy Plan) process will be reviewed to make the process more efficient and to ensure the process is done with fidelity.
 - With the new STEM lab, VGV will create an annual science fair.
 - The class management platform "Class" has been purchased for 2022-2023 implementation for all teachers.
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