

## Victory Charter Schools

### *Digital Instructional Program Parent Guide and Important Dates*

By now, we hope that ALL our Victory Knight scholars are using our amazing and supportive digital instructional programs from home. While students use these programs in class, every minute spent on i-Ready, IXL, and ReadingPlus will help your students with their grades and academic success. Please help your student by ensuring that they're logging on to these programs as much as possible.

#### **i-Ready at VCS (Math& Reading, Grades K-8)**

I-Ready is a computer-based assessment that helps determine each student's competency with math and reading skills. It helps teachers identify a student's strengths and needs within specific domains or skill areas. For K-8 grades, i-Ready is also used as the Universal Screener, with a Beginning of Year (BOY), Middle of Year (MOY) and End of Year (EOY) assessment that will take place to continuously assess student academic progress. Teachers use the data collected from i-Ready to tailor their instruction to meet the needs of each child. I-Ready is an adaptive program that adjusts the rigor of the questions based on the student's response. If a student correctly answers a few questions at one level, the next questions will test a deeper understanding of the concepts or skills. The questions become increasingly difficult until a student's answers show that he or she lacks understanding. Once the program identifies the level of performance of each scholar, it automatically prescribes lessons for each child at their specific level to minimize the learning gaps in each domain or skill and bring them up to their appropriate grade level or enrich their learning. At Victory Charter School (grades K-8), i-Ready is implemented to fill in gaps in students' learning or to push learners to the next level.

i-Ready VCS Expectations	Login Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 minutes weekly per subject (math and reading) for grades K-8.</li> <li>• Students must score 75% or higher to pass the I-Ready lessons.</li> <li>• Students will be graded weekly on performance and completion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Link:</b> <a href="http://login.i-ready.com">http://login.i-ready.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Username:</b> first two initials + id #</li> <li>• <b>Password:</b> Victory2019</li> <li>• <b>Example:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Username: JB3820124</li> <li>○ Password: Victory2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### **IXL at VS (Math & Reading, Grades K-12)**

IXL is a web-based instructional practice designed to help students gain a concrete understanding of a concept, resulting in long-term math and reading skill retention. IXL Math has unlimited questions concerning hundreds of math topics as well as a comprehensive reporting system. The program identifies itself as "The Web's #1 Math Practice Site." IXL offers more than 7,000 practice modules on Common Core Pre-K through High School math and language skills. Students repetitively practice one lesson at a time, earning certificates and virtual awards that reflect their favorite animals, foods, places, and hobbies for completing work, and they receive step-by-step explanations for incorrect answers. IXL keeps track of student progress and generates reports that demonstrate student's strengths and weaknesses. Previous research has shown that the use of IXL can have significant impact on student achievement for an individual school (Empirical Education, 2013) when implemented with fidelity. A positive and statistically significant IXL effect was also found in low-income schools and low-performing schools. The IXL effect on school accountability ratings was larger when schools used both IXL Math and IXL ELA as opposed to just one IXL subject. The IXL program is a standard-based program that is being implemented to provide additional practice for the standards that have already been taught. Teachers will assign lessons on IXL based on the standards that were covered the week prior. This allows for continuous exposure and review of the standards. Students are encouraged to achieve a SmartScore of 90. In addition to receiving a weekly

grade for their performance, students will have the opportunity to make it to the “90% Club” where they will earn recognition and rewards for their achievements.

IXL VCS Expectations	Login Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should complete TWO lessons minimum each week per subject: ELA, core math, intensive reading and intensive math.</li> <li>• Students must score 90% or more to master the skills</li> <li>• Students are able to do IXL at home on a computer, tablet, or smartphone!</li> <li>• Students will be graded in each class for the lessons completed and their SmartScore.</li> </ul>	<b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.ixl.com/signin/victorycharter">www.ixl.com/signin/victorycharter</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Username:</b> Student ID</li> <li>• <b>Password:</b> victory2019</li> <li>• <b>Example:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Username: 3820124</li> <li>○ Password: victory2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### ReadingPlus at at VCS (Reading, Grades 3-12)

ReadingPlus is a web-based reading intervention program that uses technology to provide individualized scaffolded silent reading practice for students in grades 3 and higher. ReadingPlus aims to develop and improve students’ silent reading fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. The program is designed to adjust the difficulty of the content and duration of reading activities so that students proceed at a pace that corresponds to their reading skill level. The intervention includes differentiated reading activities, computer-based reading assessments, tools to monitor student progress, ongoing implementation support, and supplemental offline activities. ReadingPlus addresses all the elements of reading cited by the National Reading Panel including: Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Fluency. Research shows that positive results were noted for various subpopulations often considered at-risk for reading difficulties. African-American, Latino-American, special education, and learning disabled students who participated in the ReadingPlus program demonstrated significantly and substantially greater gains in measures of reading achievement on the state assessments than students who shared the same demographics and did not participate in the program.

Reading Plus VCS Expectations	Login Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should complete THREE SeeReaders and THREE ReadArounds minimum each week.</li> <li>• Students must score 80% or more to master the skills</li> <li>• ReadingPlus is must be done on a laptop or desktop.</li> <li>• Students will be graded in their ELA/Reading class for the lessons completed and their score.</li> </ul>	<b>Link:</b> <a href="https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login">https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login</a> <b>Site Code:</b> RPVicto5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Username:</b> Student ID</li> <li>• <b>Password:</b> Victory2019</li> <li>• <b>Example:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Username: 3820124</li> <li>○ Password: Victory2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>