🖼️ Virtual Learning vs. Homeschooling: What's the difference?

Feature	Virtual Learning (Like Odyssey Online Learning)	Homeschooling
Accreditation	✅ Accredited public school	⚠️ Not automatically accredited (depends on parent's chosen program)
Certified Teachers	✅ Yes – SC-certified teachers lead instruction	❌ No – Parents are responsible for teaching or finding tutors
Curriculum Provided	✅ State-approved curriculum provided	👩‍🏫 Parents choose/create the curriculum
Cost	✅ Free – tuition-free public school	💸 Varies – often paid out-of-pocket
Diploma	✅ Earn an SC-recognized high school diploma	🎓 Depends on program – may not be state-recognized
State Testing	✅ Students participate in SC state testing	📝 May be exempt or choose alternative assessments
Attendance & Records	✅ School tracks attendance and progress	📊 Parent is fully responsible for tracking and submitting records
Support Services	✅ Access to IEPs, counselors, Student Engagement Specialists, etc.	🧭 Limited or self-arranged
Learning Structure	✅ Scheduled lessons, deadlines, and pacing guidance with some flexibility	🕐 Flexible, parent-determined pacing
Accountability	✅ Students and parents are accountable to school policies and certified educators	👨‍👩‍👧 Parents oversee accountability