

Purpose of Georgia Virtual Opportunity for Oconee County Students

Oconee County Schools recognizes the importance of putting technology into the hands of students, and one aspect of this goal is allowing students to work through classes in the online forum of Georgia Virtual School. Recognizing that our students are technological learners with a growing need for flexibility, and that the business community, colleges, and universities seek graduates whose high level digital skills match their ongoing professional and learning needs, the school system offers Georgia Virtual classes as an option for students who desire this technological platform for learning. The rigor of the Georgia Virtual School courses mirrors the high level of expectation and quality that students are held to within Oconee County Schools. In compliance with Senate Bill 289, online Oconee County courses can be accessed through Georgia Virtual School. Interested parents or students should see a guidance counselor for more information.

Procedures

Recognizing the need for students to be ready for this type of learning, students interested in taking a course through Georgia Virtual should adhere to these procedures:

- ❖ To facilitate the process of registration, we will accept applications beginning April 1, 2021 through July 5, 2021. This registration window will be for courses to be taken during the 2021-2022 school year. There will be an application window open each spring for each subsequent year.
- ❖ Read the information on the Georgia Virtual website, **www.gavirtualschool.org**. Pay close attention to deadlines in the Georgia Virtual process as well as the list of courses offered. Check this website often, as the information may change as the semester progresses.
- ❖ Take the technology readiness survey. Print the results to bring to the meeting below.
- ❖ Make an appointment for a meeting with the school counselor. Parent attendance at this meeting is required.
- ❖ If all parties agree to the Georgia Virtual setting, the Enrollment Agreement is signed, and the student then registers for the Georgia Virtual class.

Other Important Details

- ❖ Any courses taken during the regular school day must be taken on campus.
- ❖ Availability of online courses during the school day is subject to the availability of personnel to supervise online students and the capacity of the school to accommodate online learners on computers. Check with your school counselor for details regarding availability.
- ❖ Georgia Virtual economics and civics courses are .5 credit courses that do not currently meet local system graduation requirements. Students should not plan to take American Government or Economics for graduation purposes.
- ❖ Oconee County Schools stresses the importance of communication with the student's counselor, since not all courses offered through Georgia Virtual would meet an individual student's graduation plan.
- ❖ High school students must enroll in a full course load each semester, which may include one or more GAVS course. Students must remain enrolled in all classes throughout the duration of the semester.
- ❖ Once a student has selected, been approved and enrolled in an online course, the student must complete the online course.
- ❖ In the event of an extenuating circumstance where a student might be given special permission to drop a Georgia Virtual class, the parent must contact the school counselor to make notification of the situation and determine the procedures to follow.
- ❖ If the Georgia Virtual School online course is taken in lieu of any of the regular school day instructional periods, then the school will pay for the course. If a Georgia Virtual School online course is chosen in addition to the regular school day instructional periods the parent will pay for the course.
- ❖ Requests for courses through other online vendors must be evaluated on an individual basis. See your guidance counselor prior to registering for consideration of credit. Courses taken through vendors other than Georgia Virtual School will not be funded by Oconee County.
- ❖ Once enrolled in a GAVS course, it is the student/parent responsibility to communicate with the GAVS instructor.

Oconee County Schools Georgia Virtual School Enrollment Agreement

Student Information

Student Name			Date	
School			Grade Level	
Parent/Guardian Name				
Parent's Phone Numbers	Home	Cell	Work	

Student Agreement

_____ (student) is requesting enrollment in at least one course through Georgia Virtual School. Each semester, students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of four courses (the equivalent to four credits at the end of a semester) which can be taken through a combination of traditional high school courses and Georgia Virtual classes.

Course Request Information – Please print legibly and complete all areas.

Course Title	Units	Semester/Year Beginning & Ending dates	Rationale for the course through GAVS	Graduation requirement being met (Academic Elective, Core Credit, etc.)

_____ (Counselor initials required) Completed Technology Readiness Survey and provided counselor a copy.

Awarding Credit:

- All courses will be posted to the high school transcript and will reflect the grade reported by Georgia Virtual School.
- Accelerated and AP courses through Georgia Virtual will be weighted according to the Oconee County policy for weighting of accelerated and AP courses.
- EOCs will be administered and weighted according to state policy for EOCs.

For further clarification, consult with your guidance counselor. Signatures below indicate that student/parent have read the Georgia Virtual School information, and the counselor approves the student to enroll himself/herself in the Georgia Virtual School course(s) above.

In order to ensure accurate information about eligibility and requirements for high school sports and NCAA with regard to Georgia Virtual classes, it is highly recommended that the student and parent be in close contact with Georgia Virtual School, the NCAA, and the school's athletic director.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Administrator Signature

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Date