

Parent Resource Guide



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To “Build A Brighter Future” as we prepare students for success in life.

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Virtual Instruction Programs

Parents, Did You Know?

- “Virtual instruction program” means a program of instruction provided in an interactive learning environment created through technology in which students are separated from their teachers by time or space, or both.
- Gadsden School District is eligible for the sparsity supplement pursuant to s. 1011.62(7)(a) and (b) and provides all enrolled public school students within its boundaries the option of participating in part-time and full-time virtual instruction programs.
- Gadsden School District provides parents with timely written notification of at least one open enrollment period for full-time student of 90 days or more which ends 30 days before the first day of the school year.
- The purpose of the Gadsden Virtual Instruction Program is to make quality virtual instruction available to students using online and distance learning technology in the nontraditional classroom.
- Gadsden School District contracts with the Florida Virtual School and the K-12 Virtual franchise for provision of such virtual programs.



2370.01 - VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM – Gadsden School Board Policy

Students eligible for the District VIP program must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- A. The student has spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in this State and was enrolled and reported by a public school district for funding during the preceding October and February for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) surveys.
- B. The student is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last twelve (12) months to Florida from another state or foreign country pursuant to the parent's permanent change of station orders.
- C. The student was enrolled during the prior school year in a School District virtual instruction program under F.S. 1002.45 or a K-8 virtual school program under F.S. 1002.415.



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- D. The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in the School District virtual instruction program and that sibling was enrolled in such a program at the end of the prior school year.

The District shall provide access to enroll in courses available through one of the VIP programs and shall award credit for successful completion. Access shall be available to eligible students during or after the school day and during summer school enrollment.

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- Department of K-12 Curriculum and Instruction @ (850) 627-9651 ext 1242/1289
- <http://ww2.k12.com/mod/exp8/>
- <http://www.flvs.net>
- www.odysseyware.com/

Enrollment Window: Gadsden Virtual Education Programs



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Choice with Transportation (CWT)

Before the ESEA Waiver, all students attending a Title I school that failed to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years were offered Choice with Transportation. Parents could choose to enroll their child(ren) in higher performing schools. A higher performing school was defined as a school that had made AYP for two consecutive years and was not identified as a school in need of improvement. Parents had to apply to participate and had

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to return the application by the deadline. If the application was approved, the district would transport the students to the school of choice. (Bus routes are determined by the district's Transportation Department.)

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After the ESEA Waiver, the school choice program ended and scschool districts were prevented from using federal funds to pay for bus transportation for students who had selected to be in the School Choice with Transportation program. Children who are already in the program will be allowed to stay at the choice school until they reach the last grade offered at the school or they can choose to return to their home school. No new children can be placed into the program. If a child chooses to return to their home school they will not be allowed to return to the choice school at a later date. In an effort to reduce the burden for the choice students in Gadsden County, the Superintendent has pledged that for 2014-2015 the district will continue to pay for transportation for the child to remain at their choice school from local dollars.

Supplemental Educational Services (SES).

Before the ESEA Waiver, all students attending a Title I school failing to make AYP for three consecutive years and eligible for free or reduced meals were offered Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Parents had to apply to access services. *If the number of requests for services was greater than the funding available, the district would prioritize enrollment such that the lowest achieving students were enrolled first.* SES providers are approved by the Florida Department of Education and none are endorsed by the School Board of Gadsden County.

After the ESEA Waiver, districts were given the option to choose the best method to provide additional services to students in lower performing schools. For 2014-2015, the district will be providing reading coaches to all middle and high schools. The district also has prioritized funding for an Education Transformation Operations Office (ETO), to provide instructional specialists to all schools in need of improvement. These specialists will provide assistance weekly and will report to the Deputy Superintendent to align services with student and district needs. These are critical grade levels where data indicates the district needs to close the achievement gap the most.

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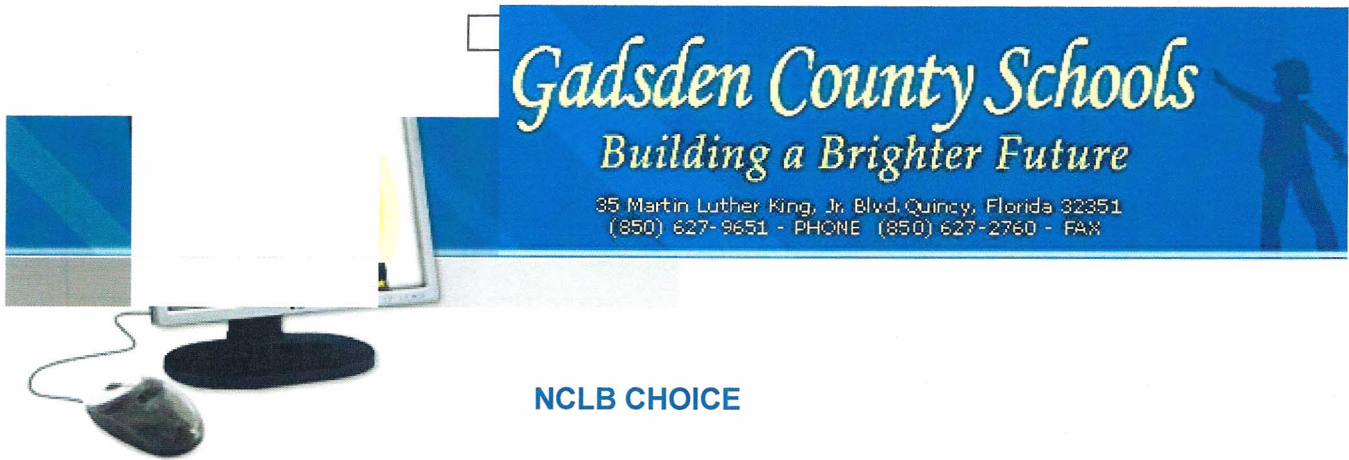
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For specific questions about the Choice Options that are available to your child or supplemental programs, please contact Ms. Sherrie Taylor at 850-627-9651 x 1295.



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