

Grainger County Schools
Virtual Learning Guidelines/Expectations 20.21

Virtual Instruction – First day for Virtual students – August 17, 2020
Schools will distribute devices and more information for virtual students prior to August 14.

We appreciate your interest in being a full time virtual student for this school year. Our school system, administrators and classroom teachers will work very hard to make sure the virtual learning experience is engaging and rigorous. Virtual (on-line) learning activities will reinforce grade level standards and course standards for high school students. Students that enroll in the on-line option will be held to the same standards and policies as a student attending class at school. GCS wants to provide instruction to all students and are working hard to provide guidance and support for teachers to be able to provide this option for students and families that understand and are compliant with all requirements.

For students to succeed, they will need support from a learning partner to support them at home with virtual learning. The learning partner can be a parent, guardian, family member or friend, etc., but it will need to be someone that can help the student at home with tasks such as logging in to platform to get the lessons and assignments for the day or course, helping student connect to internet, answering questions and making sure that the student does the required hours of instructional activities (provided on platform) each day. Virtual Learning will be very different from the distance learning that was provided in the spring when school was closed and participation was optional for students.

GCS plans to utilize Google Classroom as our platform for both in-school and on-line instruction during the 20.21 school year. With Google Classroom, teachers create classes, distribute assignments (which can include videos, reading assignments, quizzes or other assessments, etc.) grade student work and provide feedback. Students can access the platform while in the classroom or at home. Classroom makes it easy for learners and instructors to connect—inside and outside of schools.

Before making the decision to enroll in the Virtual Learning option, please review the daily requirements below:

K-12 Student Virtual Learning Daily Requirements

- Student will check for assignments on Google Classroom.
- Student will watch the recorded lessons and answer questions on assigned Google forms daily.
- Student will complete any additional work that teacher also assigned from the lesson and answer using Google classroom.
- Student will have regularly scheduled mandatory check-in with teacher(s). Check-ins may be daily or weekly and will be determined by the teacher(s) based on individual student need including but not limited to academics progress, attendance, and compliance.
- K-8 Student schedule will include multiple lessons/periods per day (ELA, Math, Science, Studies, as well as activities for enrichment/intervention and flex activities such as physical activity, career exploration, etc).
- 9-12 Student will spend an appropriate amount of time per subject to complete that course and will be monitored.
 - Courses will be assigned based on student schedule, graduation requirements and administrator discretion.
 - Students will take standards checks or assessments periodically as appropriate for subject/course.
- Student and parent will answer any type of communications from any person with Grainger County Schools promptly (answer phone calls, emails, texts, etc.)
- Student will obtain at least 7 hours of instructional activities each day (1st -8th grades) or 4 hours for Kindergarten students.
- Student/parent will contact teacher or school via Google Classroom to request additional instruction or guidance if needed.
- Student will need consistent and reliable internet access for virtual learning.
- Students may not be required to complete all assignments on regular school schedule on a daily basis and may have some flexibility with daily schedule to complete all of their assigned work; however, there may be some mandatory course attendance, class meetings, participation and/or check-ins required during the regular school day depending on school and grade level. Each school will provide expectations, schedules and information for virtual students.

Virtual students are responsible for completing all assignments provided for each school day. Student work will be graded and virtual students will receive grades. Failure to do any of the above could possibly result in truancy issues with GCS and/or possible withdrawal from virtual learning option.

If you are agreeable with the above requirement and choose the virtual option for your child(ren), device distribution and process for final virtual enrollment process will be scheduled by each school prior to August 14. First instructional day for virtual is planned for August 17, 2020.

August 4, 2020

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