



Connect, Engage, Succeed

21-22 School Year

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON
LEARNING
6 - 12





Senate Bill 1303

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- School divisions must offer in person learning 5 days a week for all students.
- School divisions **MAY** offer virtual learning as an option

Must meet the 180 day/990 hour requirement

Students may return from virtual learning to in-person learning at any time during the school year.



What will **In-Person Learning** look like at GCPS?



In-Person Learning in GCPS ...

- ❑ Students PK - 12 attend school 5 days a week.**
- ❑ Students will be expected to maintain a 3 ft. distance and wear a mask at all times, except while eating, drinking, or during a mask break. Distance requirements will increase to 6 ft. during these times. (Guidance as of May 2021)**
- ❑ Bus transportation can accommodate 2 students per seat with masks.**



Other Instructional Considerations

- ❑ All students will attend their home school
- ❑ Classes will be held in non-traditional spaces (cafeterias, pods, common areas)
- ❑ Continued hygiene practices



**What measures are
being put in place to
ensure student and
staff health and safety?**



CURRENT GUIDANCE AS OF MAY 2021

- ❑ **Masking**
 - ❑ Masks will be required while indoors
 - ❑ Mask breaks will be provided
- ❑ **Signage**
 - ❑ Mitigation strategy reminders to help keep students and staff safe
- ❑ **Handwashing/Hygiene Practices**
- ❑ **Important mitigation strategies to help reduce spread**
 - ❑ Social Distancing
 - ❑ Classrooms will be arranged with 3 feet social distancing
 - ❑ **Important Note:** Contact tracing will still be based upon 6 feet for determining potential close contacts (vaccinated = no quarantine)



CURRENT GUIDANCE AS OF MAY 2021 (continued)

- ❑ Bus/Transportation**
 - ❑ 2 students per seat**
 - ❑ Masks are required while riding GCPS transportation**
- ❑ Encourage students & staff to stay home if sick**
 - ❑ Open communication with schools is essential**
- ❑ Limiting Visitors within buildings**
- ❑ Daily Cleaning & Disinfecting procedures**



GCPS Vaccination Clinic

- **Who:** Ages 12 -18
- **When:** June 3, 2021
9am - 1pm
- **Where:** WMHS Cafe



**Where will students eat
breakfast and lunch?**



CURRENT GUIDANCE AS OF MAY 2021

- ❑ Breakfast and Lunch will be delivered to the classrooms.**
 - ❑ Cafeterias will not be used for congregate eating**
- ❑ Breakfast and Lunches will be packaged in boxes or clamshells for distribution.**
- ❑ All students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 21-22 school year.**



What will **Virtual Learning** look like at GCPS?



New Year - New Guidelines

- ❑ The Virginia Department of Education is not requiring schools to offer virtual learning for the 2021-2022 school year.**
- ❑ Flexibilities are no longer in place for 21-22.**
- ❑ The state is in the process of developing new guidelines for virtual learning.**
- ❑ Information presented at this time is based on what we know right now and could change when state guidelines are released.**



Successful Full-time Virtual Learning Students

- ❑ Have access to a learning environment that is conducive to learning that minimizes distractions and has access to tools necessary to support effective learning
- ❑ Have consistent access to high-speed Internet, online applications, and resources that support virtual learning
- ❑ Demonstrate attendance consistent with local policy
- ❑ Consistently engage in learning activities, as directed by the teacher
- ❑ Participate in regular communication with teachers to ask questions, receive feedback on submissions, and provide feedback on their personal strengths and challenges
- ❑ Submit assignments in a timely manner
- ❑ Consistently demonstrate mastery of learning in alignment with any individualized learning plans
- ❑ Participate in services and supports provided as part of existing individualized education programs (IEP) or other learning plans (Section 504)
- ❑ Work independently and demonstrate effective organizational, time management, and self advocacy skills
- ❑ Demonstrate positive characteristics of digital citizenship and academic integrity

~ Virginia Department of Education



Internet Connectivity

- ❑ Families must have access to reliable internet access.
- ❑ While hot spots are available, families will need to be able to troubleshoot any connectivity issues. School personnel will not be available to fix hotspots or help families obtain internet access.
- ❑ Daily internet access time will increase significantly due to the need to comply with increased amount of synchronous time.
- ❑ Attendance will not be excused nor will due dates be extended as a result of connectivity issues due to weather, the number of students utilizing the internet at the same time, etc.
- ❑ If you cannot meet the above requirements, virtual learning is not feasible. Please register your child for in-person learning.



Changes for Next Year

- ❑ Application procedure to ensure student success in virtual learning
- ❑ More synchronous time to meet instructional requirements
- ❑ Daily attendance is required in all synchronous sessions 5 days a week
- ❑ Students will be required to have their camera on during synchronous sessions
- ❑ Typical school based contacts - There will not be separate administrators for virtual students
- ❑ Students who start virtually and return to in person will need to remain in person for the remainder of the year
- ❑ Virtual Learning will be delivered through Virtual Virginia, and possibly a GCPS teacher. We will use Edgenuity if a GCPS teacher and Virtual Virginia are unavailable for students in grades 9-12.



Important Information for Next Year

- ❑ Virtual Virginia will be used to deliver virtual courses, we may be able to provide a GCPS teacher in grades 6-12
- ❑ Increased synchronous time, 5 days a week
- ❑ Daily attendance at synchronous sessions is mandatory
- ❑ The Learning Management System will be Canvas
- ❑ Students will be required take state assessments at their home school, in person
- ❑ Each school will have a staff contact for Virtual Virginia
- ❑ Virtual Virginia calendar and schedule may be different than GCPS
- ❑ Virtual Virginia synchronous sessions do not operate on GCPS schedule
- ❑ [Virtual Virginia Parent Information](#)
- ❑ [Virtual Virginia Handbook](#)
- ❑ Edgenuity will only be used if necessary in grades 9-12



Registration



Registration Checklist

- Opens the week of May 17th and closes May 31st for the 21 - 22 school year
- An alert with the registration link was sent out
- If you indicate that you are interested in applying for the virtual option we will send you the application link
- Deadline for indicating interest in applying for a virtual option is May 31st. All virtual school applications are due back by June 4th.
- Please contact your child's school if you need assistance with the registration process.



Questions & Answers