



Gaston Virtual Academy Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of Gaston Virtual Academy?

The Virtual Academy is a dynamic online school that offers personalized learning and schedule flexibility for students in grades 3-10. This program is ideal for students in a homeschool setting. The online classes are aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and focus on English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. World languages, elective, and Career and Technical Education classes are available.

However, students do not navigate the online school environment alone. Teachers are available to offer guidance, help with lessons, have discussions, and provide feedback on assignments. Further, students have the opportunity to interact with other Virtual Academy students through in-person enrichment activities

2. What are the requirements for admissions to the Virtual Academy?

Parents/Guardians must be North Carolina residents. Students should demonstrate the need for a flexible schedule and the ability to be successful in a virtual learning environment.

3. Who can apply to the Virtual Academy and how are students selected?

Any student who will be in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth or tenth grade for the 2019-2020 academic year may apply to attend. All students who apply will be screened in order to determine acceptance.

4. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

Parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in North Carolina. Maintain adequate attendance, behavior, and academics.

5. What will my child gain from this program?

Students who attend Gaston Virtual Academy gain a quality, rigorous educational experience while completing courses in a nontraditional environment. Since the teachers in Gaston Virtual Academy are local, Gaston County Schools' teachers, students also have the benefit of being able to seek face-to-face support from our highly certified teachers on a regular basis.



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6. What happens after I complete the Gaston Virtual Academy?

Gaston Virtual Academy intends to grow its high school program each year until it is a full high school program. Students who stay with the Virtual Academy will graduate with a Gaston County Schools high school diploma.

7. What opportunities will be available because of my enrollment in the Virtual Academy?

Gaston Virtual Academy attempts to provide enrichment activities. Students will have the opportunity to come together for both educational and social programs. Field trips, guest speakers, socials, tutoring, and much more are all benefits of the Virtual Academy.

8. Are there any additional requirements for students in the Virtual Academy?

Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy must continue to maintain adequate attendance, behavior, and academics.