

# 2021-22 REGISTRATION



GREENVILLE COUNTY

## SCHOOLS Virtual Program

### READY

**Review the following requirements prior to registering for the Virtual Program:**

Must be enrolled in Greenville County Schools

Parent Backpack account required

Directions: <https://bit.ly/35B712R>

Learn about the GCSVP - <http://bit.ly/3ivpLpO>

**Not offered in the GCS Virtual Program:**

At-Risk 4K, Pre-school with Disabilities (PWD), and self-contained special education programs will not be available in the GCS Virtual Program due to the intensity of support services.

Some instructional support services may only be available in brick and mortar setting.

Specialized/Magnet programs such as Charles Townes Center, Language Immersion, etc. will not be offered in the GCS Virtual Program.

### SET

**Register in Backpack**

Register GCSVP for 2021-22

Parent Backpack directions for selecting the GCVSP - <https://youtu.be/H-cYJt1Kack>

You will receive an immediate email confirmation of your application.

Students will be scheduled for the Virtual Program in the spring.

### GO

**Make Course Selection**

Elementary students will be scheduled by grade-level. Special services such as Gifted and Talented, ESOL, and Special Education will be scheduled as needed.

All rising sixth through twelfth grade parents will be contacted by the school counselor to make course selections.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOW CAN WE MAKE A DECISION NOW? AT WHAT POINT CAN WE CHANGE OUR MINDS?

This is the first GCS Virtual Program registration window. This window is for those who are certain they want students to participate in the virtual program next year. Parents should treat this like a GCS Choice option and commitment.

After the program is staffed and students are scheduled, we will re-open the window in April to create the waitlist. Students from the waitlist will be scheduled based on availability of space in the Virtual Program.

**NOTE:** *For planning purposes, this schedule is based on an assumption that the pandemic will no longer be a serious concern. If during the summer it is apparent school will open in the fall on an altered schedule or with pandemic protocols in place, and/or if vaccines are not widely available for all age groups, additional windows will be made available for parents to select the Virtual Program.*

### WILL STUDENTS BE SCHEDULED WITH OTHERS FROM THE HOME SCHOOL?

No. We will schedule all students in the GCSVP based on grade level and academic record. Therefore, we cannot guarantee placement with other students or teachers from the home-based school.

**NOTE:** *High school students will not be scheduled with teachers from the home-based school. This is a significant change from 2020-21.*

### CAN I CHANGE MY MIND TO GO BACK TO BRICK AND MORTAR?

Yes. Parents who wish to return to brick and mortar will be allowed to make requests. They are encouraged to make an approved transition at the end of a nine-week grading period.

### ARE STUDENTS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN LIVE SESSIONS?

Yes. There will be an increased emphasis on attendance in live sessions. Students are expected to participate every day in live sessions at scheduled times. Exceptions based on extenuating circumstances must be approved in advance by the virtual administrator.

### WILL ALL COURSES BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY?

No, not all courses will be available virtually. Middle and high school offerings are posted on the GCS Virtual Program website. Some electives may be available via brick and mortar classes.

### WILL TRANSPORTATION BE AVAILABLE TO THE HOME-SCHOOL, FINE ARTS CENTER, OR CAREER CENTERS FOR COURSES NOT OFFERED IN THE GCSVP?

No. Transportation will not be provided from student homes to these locations.

### WILL THIS VIRTUAL PROGRAM CONTINUE AFTER THE PANDEMIC?

Yes. As long as there is adequate interest, we will continue to offer a virtual choice.

### WHAT IF WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET OR EMAIL?

This is an online program. You must have reliable internet access.

Parents may apply for WiFi hotspots; however, these will only work if internet access is available in your area.

Chromebooks will be issued to all virtual students by Greenville County Schools.