



**GCSC**  
**Virtual Learning**  
**Handbook**  
**Secondary**

**2020-2021**

# Virtual Learning Option

We believe that students are best educated in the physical presence of a qualified and caring teacher. However, in the event of this year's dramatic changes, we're striving to provide flexible choices for families and students experiencing a variety of situations.

High school virtual students have the flexibility to participate in the Area 30 Career Center, AP courses, and dual credit courses. Please work with the school counselors to ensure all of your credit requirements and educational goals are being met.

Course fees and student fees are waived for secondary students participating in virtual learning. Technology and device fees will apply. If students decide to switch to On-Campus learning, textbook and student fees will apply.

## Expectations

- Indiana law requires that students engage in 6 hours of instructional activities.
- Students will use the Edgenuity curriculum and online learning platform.
- Students will be assigned to a teacher that will be responsible for answering questions, tracking attendance, and providing academic support.
- All students are expected to participate in daily educational activities.
- If a student is ill or there is an event that would keep a student from participating in the day's activities, parents must notify the virtual teacher as soon as possible.
- Teachers will be available by email, chat, and phone daily.
- Students must schedule mandated testing on-campus with the virtual teacher or school counselors, (which will occur 3-5 times a year).
- Students must follow the same attendance requirements as On-Campus students. Failure to complete daily work can result in truancy.

# Curriculum

## Middle School

Students in grades 6 - 8 will use the platform Edgenuity. All courses are tied to Indiana standards. Courses are offered in the core classes: English, math, social studies, and science.

Students who are enrolled in honors math classes will be assigned to the math course one grade level above their grade. (Sixth grade students in honors math will be assigned the 7th grade math course, etc.) Students who are enrolled in honors English classes will be able to take both an English course and a Novel course.

All Students, virtual or otherwise, will also be assigned an Imagine Learning Math component, designed to complement their Edgenuity math course.

Edgenuity also offers some elective courses. Students may choose from the following electives:

- Career Exploration
- Computer Applications
- Healthy Living
- Intro to Art
- Intro to Business
- Intro to Coding
- Intro to Information Technology
- Lifetime Fitness
- Strategies for Academic Success

Additionally, students taking honors English are eligible to take Chinese or German as an elective.

All virtual students will be assigned a GMS teacher who will be able to monitor student progress and answer questions as they arise.

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Create a schedule for working and completing your virtual assignments.
- Look ahead to see how much is required and set goals for yourself in order to finish on time.
- Making and keeping a routine will help you to make steady progress.
- Establish a time to work on your assignments everyday and try to limit distractions.
- Take your time! Do not rush through the material just to get to the quiz or test. The material will be presented to you through the program, so take your time. Take notes. Use your notes when you take your quizzes and tests.

# Curriculum

## High School

- Students will be assigned Edgenuity courses based on their 4 year Graduation plan that is determined by the school counselor and student.
  - See the high school Edgenuity course offerings [here](#).
- While traditional students typically complete 7 courses simultaneously, virtual students will be given 2-3 courses to complete before adding additional courses.
- Students must schedule mandated testing with the virtual teacher or school counselors, (which will occur 3-5 times a year).
- Edgenuity courses will be added to a student's transcript upon completion of the course.
- Students can work with the school counselors to create a flexible hybrid schedule to accommodate those students taking courses through the Area 30 Career Center, AP courses, and dual credit courses.
- GHS will be following the IHSAA guidelines and will allow virtual students to participate in athletics. Students should meet with the school counselors to make sure they are academically eligible.

# Student Supports

Virtual elementary students will continue to receive support and have access to the same resources as On-Campus students.

- School counselors will continue to be available to support students as needed and will provide video lessons of the required state curriculum, such as, body safety, and anti-bullying. Please reach out to your counselor if you have concern or would like your child to meet individually for mental health checks.
- Students in need of the following services must schedule time during the physical school day:
  - Special Education
  - English Language Learners
  - Speech
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - School Counselors

# Technical Support

- If you experience technical issues or login issues please notify your teacher.
- If it is an issue that he/she cannot fix, they'll ask you to reach out to [eLearning@greencastle.k12.in.us](mailto:eLearning@greencastle.k12.in.us).
- If you need to bring your device in for a repair, you'll be asked to drop it off at Central Office (1002 Mill Pond Lane).
- The device will be repaired and returned to you within one business day.