Welcome to Online Learning!

The Dawson County School District offers an online learning program for students without the requirement of physical presence in the traditional school setting. The online learning program will mirror the in-person learning program.

This program requires a significant commitment by parents/guardians, so please be sure to read all the details contained in this document.

General Information

Parent involvement is key to successful online learning. Students will need parental assistance during the online learning school day.

Reliable Internet access is required to participate in online learning. A district-issued device is available for each student.

Expectations for attendance, grading, and accountability will be the same for those students participating in in-person learning.

Parents/Guardians/Students selecting the online learning option must commit to an entire semester.

Core academics (language arts, math, reading, science, and social studies) will be available for all grade levels. A limited number of electives, CTAE, and Advanced Placement courses will be available.

Clubs and organizations have been postponed until further notice, as determined by each school.

Students maintain enrollment at their zoned school and will be able to participate in after school athletics, under guidance provided by the Georgia High School Association (GHSA).
Students in grades 6-12 will utilize an online learning platform known as Edgenuity. The program offers a standards-aligned video-based curriculum for middle and high school learning environments. The Dawson County School District customizes the curriculum for its students. Students, along with parents/guardians, will be able to monitor their own progress while completing lessons, assessments, and interactive activities.

Students will be able to progress at their own pace and can access the online platform at any time of the day. However, it is important to note that a designated teacher will only be available to provide support during the regular school day, between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:00 pm. The online learning advisor will contact the students/parents weekly to review any areas of concern, celebrate successes, and answer questions.

Click HERE for a list of course offerings. Click HERE for Tips to Help Your Student Succeed.

Grades and time usage reports are generated daily and can be viewed by school designees, parents, and the student. Edgenuity tracks student mastery and progress for the work that has been completed (Overall Grade) and also formulates a grade based on where the student should be on the pacing guide for a typical 18-week course schedule (Actual Grade). The Actual Grade will be the course grade that is entered into PowerSchool.

Although classes are designed for self-pacing, students are expected to commit a minimum of 4 hours each day to active learning in the Edgenuity platform to meet attendance requirements. IMPORTANT: If a student is sick, please notify the online learning advisor ASAP just as you would notify the in-person teacher.

Specialized Services

GIFTED: Students who are eligible for gifted services will receive supplemented instruction to the Edgenuity curriculum. Accelerated courses are not available online for students in grades 6-8; however, the courses are self-paced. Students who complete a class early, at an accelerated pace, may have the option to enroll in the next sequential course. This should be discussed with the online advisor. Several Advanced Placement course options are available with Edgenuity for students in grades 9-12.

ESOL: Students who are eligible for language services will receive support through Duolingo or Rosetta Stone, which are self-paced online language programs. An ESOL teacher will monitor progress, consult with the online learning advisor, students, and with parents.

IEP: Students with an Individualized Education Plan should consider the independent nature of online instruction when determining if Edgenuity is the most appropriate fit for the student. The office of exceptional children will work with each student that has an active IEP to provide a case manager, supports, and a Digital Service Plan.
School Counselor & SEL Support
The school counselor will be available to online students to assist with social-emotional needs, advisement, and referrals for outside support. Online students will have the same opportunity to participate in guidance, character education, and social emotional lessons as the in-person students. The online learning advisor will provide instructions for accessing these opportunities.

Suggestions for Success
✓ Designate a space for learning that will have limited distractions. A desk or table (flat surface) works best. Trying to work while lounging on the sofa, in a comfy recliner, or in bed leads to distractions such as tv, video games, and naps.
✓ Create a daily schedule and stick to it. The routine of an established start time, duration of time to spend in the online class (approximately 1 hour per subject), a lunch and short break schedule, and a stop time, helps to keep the student on track and to keep order at home. Set ground rules for the short 10-minute breaks such as no games or other technology that lead to extended break times.
✓ Make sure the work schedule for the day includes time in every class. It’s tempting for students to work all day in the class(es) they enjoy the most. This practice can lead to increased stress when they realize they are far behind in the other class(es).
✓ Maintain regular communication with the online learning advisor.
✓ Allow time to interact with friends via video chats.
✓ Parents, please regularly monitor your child’s online progress and communicate weekly with the online learning advisor.

Breakfast & Lunch
The school nutrition program will offer curbside breakfast and lunch meals. Orders must be placed via email to the school manager by 8 a.m. on the day of the order. The order will be for the current day lunch and the following day’s breakfast.

Pick up time will be 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Upon arrival at the front entrance of the school, call the front desk to pick up the order. Meals will be charged according to the student’s lunch status (free, reduced, or paid).

Parents with students at multiple schools may place the order and pick up all meals at one location.

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Online Learning Advisor & Counselor Contacts

Each school has designated advisors to assist students who participate in online learning. These advisors will be the main point of contact for student/parent support and questions.

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