

FAQ

Fulton Full-time Online School

Frequently Asked Questions

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Fulton County Schools is pleased to announce a full-time, online school will be added to the district's portfolio of diverse educational opportunities in Fall 2021. For years, FCS has offered online classes for those students who thrive in the "anywhere/anytime" virtual learning environment. Additionally, as we navigated remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, many families indicated they want a permanent option for continuing their children's education online. The Fulton County Board of Education, Superintendent and school leaders responded to this interest by formally adopting Full-Time Online School option at the December 1, 2020 Board meeting.

What is the Fulton Full-time Online School?

The Fulton Full-time Online School (official name TBD) will serve students in grades 3-11 in a 100% online environment. The [instruction](#) will be a blend of live, online lessons (synchronous) and self-directed lessons (asynchronous) from Fulton County teachers. A full-time online school environment will look and feel different than the Remote Learning students are experiencing under the current, COVID-19 circumstances. To help illustrate, we have outlined a "Day in the Life" of an [elementary](#), [middle](#) and [high](#) school student.

What grades will be served at the Fulton Full-time Online School?

For the first year, the Fulton Full-time Online School will serve approximately 1,000 students in grades 3-11, which breaks down to about 180 elementary school students, 270 middle school students, and 550 high school students. Next year, we expect the students in grade 11 to move up and become seniors.

How do I enroll my child?

On Jan. 25, 2021, an application portal launched for students and families in rising grades 3-11 to apply for the Full-Time Online School. The portal closes at midnight, Feb. 5. The application should not take more than 10-15 minutes to complete, and students and families are encouraged to complete it in one session. To apply, [click here for Fulton Full-Time Online School Application](#).

The following information is needed to complete the application:

- Student's name and address
- Parent/guardian's name, email, and phone number
- The applicant's student ID (lunch number) if they are a current FCS student
- The school in which the applicant is currently enrolled
- Any family or student who does not currently attend an FCS school will need to provide proof of residency upon acceptance prior to Feb. 26

Upon completion of the application, the family will receive a confirmation email of the submission.

When will families be notified of acceptance at the Fulton Full-time Online School?

Families will be notified of acceptance to the Full-Time Online School no later than Feb. 12. Commitment to enroll must be made by Feb. 26.

Will my child remain enrolled in his/her zoned school while enrolled at the Fulton Full-time Online School?

No. Students enrolled at the Fulton Full-time Online School will not maintain enrollment at their zoned school. The students will be enrolled 100% at the Fulton Full-time Online School.

Can my child return to his or her zoned school at any time?

It is our desire that students who are accepted and enroll in the Fulton Full-time Online School will commit to a full year.

What courses are available at Fulton Full-time Online School?

The full-time online school's course catalog plans to offer the depth and breadth of courses for an enriching student experience. At the elementary level, students will have the opportunity to accelerate through the district's Continuous Achievement model, which will make middle school courses available to elementary students. In middle school, students will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful connections classes that allows students to explore various careers, technology, fine arts, health/physical education, and world languages. As it pertains to electives, the high school course catalog will offer CTAE pathways, health/physical education, fine arts, and world languages. [On this page](#), you will see which courses the Fulton Full-time Online School plans to offer

How will my student with a disability receive special education services through the Fulton Full-time Online School?

Fulton County Schools recognizes that certain skills and commitments facilitate student success in an online educational environment, and as such, an IEP Team will assess a student's readiness level for virtual learning/courses prior to enrollment. In addition, the IEP Team will also determine the IEP supports and services that can be provided in accordance with the online school's programming guidelines. For more information, see the [Online School for Students with Disabilities](#) page.

Will my child have access to TAG, Early Intervention Program, or Remedial Program classes?

Yes, the full-time online school will provide TAG classes in elementary and middle grades. Students in need of early intervention or remedial courses will be scheduled to receive services.

Will my child have access to Advanced Placement or Honors classes?

The new full-time online school will offer both Honors and AP courses. The catalog is still in development and will be shared at a later date. Students enrolled in Honors and/or AP courses can earn the same weighted GPA credits associated with taking Honors or AP courses at a face-to-face school.

What is the student-to-teacher ratio at the Fulton Full-time Online School?

In grades 3-8, the student-to-teacher ratio will be 30:1. The ratio in grades 9-12 will be 32:1.

If my child is enrolled at the Fulton Full-time Online School, will he or she be able to participate in extra-curricular sports or academic clubs at their zoned school?

The Fulton Full-time Online School will not be connected to any other school; therefore, students who choose to attend the school can only participate in the activities affiliated with the online school. Clubs will be available at the Fulton Full-time Online School with opportunities for students to meet after school, both virtually and face-to-face. However, students are not eligible to participate in sports, academic, or arts-related clubs or organizations at any other school.

Will there be devices or WiFi available for student who have a need?

Fulton County Schools will provide devices on a 1-to-1 basis for students in grades 3-11 who are enrolled in the Fulton Full-time Online School. Limited WiFi hotspots will be available to students who need access to internet capabilities.

Will students who are enrolled at the Fulton Full-time Online School still be able to access meal service?

No, access to meal service will not be available for students enrolled at the Fulton Full-time Online School.

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