



Gulf Coast Charter Academy South

The virtual learning model will be provided as an alternative to the traditional in-person model and will be offered to all students in all grade levels, provided they meet the criteria stated below. If you choose this option, your child will be participating in full-time virtual learning online through GCCAS Virtual, a set/structured, synchronous model with a detailed daily schedule (similar to a typical school day). Children of parents that sent an email by the deadline of Monday, July 20, 2020, requesting the virtual on-line learning model are automatically registered for this option. Parents that are currently registered for the in-person model, but would prefer the virtual online model can send an email to Wstaros@GCCAS.ORG with your student's name and grade level.

Virtual Learning Model Guidelines:

- Students must have access to technology and internet.
- Students are expected to be on-line from 8:05 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., five days a week, with a 30-minute lunch window and other small breaks throughout the day. (Bathroom breaks, recess, etc.)
- Parents will be responsible for supporting and monitoring their child's learning to ensure they remain actively engaged throughout the day.
- Students will commit to missing no more than three days of lessons per quarter unless the student has an illness which will require a note from the Doctor. Students who miss three days of lessons per quarter without a note from the Doctor, will result in an automatic transition to the in-person learning model.
- Attendance will be taken daily through Google Classroom and recorded in FOCUS.
- Assignments will be due daily or weekly, depending on the teacher, online.
- Homework will be assigned regularly, and class assessments will be provided online.
- All state mandated assessments must be completed in the building per the Florida Department of Education. (CELLA, WIDA, FSA, EOC's)
- The curriculum will be available online; however, it may be necessary to pick up student workbooks, class packets, or any other relevant materials from the school before the start of classes and throughout each quarter. This will be dependent on your child's teacher and grade level.
- Each student will be assigned a GCCAS teacher and daily lessons will be livestreamed through Google Classroom via a classroom camera. Students will be able to ask questions, record lessons, and participate in all learning activities in real time throughout the day. Communication via email will be expected for submitting assignments or requesting additional support.
- Lessons will be recorded for any student who may miss a day due to illness.
- Students enrolled in the virtual model will be provided a full array of services including access to IEP, guidance, gifted education, and ELL services. Students will have the option to come to the campus, if necessary, to receive services that cannot be effectively delivered online. Daily services will be scheduled through our ESE and ELL staff via ZOOM or Google Meet.
- This learning model will be a quarter by quarter commitment and students can choose to enroll in the traditional in-person model at the end of each quarter.
- Students will be responsible for following the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct. These documents can be reviewed on our website at GCCAS.ORG

Student Characteristics for Successful Structured Virtual Learning

- Disciplined
- Comfortable with technology
- Enjoys structure
- Effective time management skills
- Distraction-free environment or quiet place to be online
- Excellent communication skills

Students participating in on-line learning, who require access to breakfast and lunch, will need to pick up their food each day by visiting the school. Food orders will need to be called into the office by 9 a.m. daily. Parents will then contact the main office (239-784-1539) as they arrive and the food will be brought to the car by a staff member who will check the student/parent ID and record the necessary information for audit purposes. Free and Reduced applications will be available for all students in each learning model.

The virtual guidelines are subject to change based on mandates from the Governor and any new information the school receives from the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Education, and the Center for Disease Control. Please contact Ms. DaPore or Mr. Staros if you have any additional questions regarding the virtual online learning model.

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