



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the purpose of Gaston Virtual Academy?

The Virtual Academy is a dynamic online school that offers personalized learning and schedule flexibility for students in grades K-12. This program is ideal for students in a homeschool setting or who need an alternative to a traditional school schedule. The online classes are aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and focus on English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. World languages, elective, and Career and Technical Education classes are available. However, students do not navigate the online school environment alone. Teachers are available to offer guidance, help with lessons, have discussions, and provide feedback on assignments. Further, students have the opportunity to interact with other Virtual Academy students through in-person enrichment activities

### 2. What are the requirements for admissions to the Virtual Academy?

Students must be:

- Residents of Gaston County with proof of address provided
- Following the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and the Future-Ready diploma track
- In the appropriate cohort year
- Able to independently access the core curriculum as presented in the Learning Management System (LMS)
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### 3. Who can apply to the Virtual Academy and how are students selected?

Any student who will be in grade K-12 for the upcoming academic year and meets the admission criteria may apply to attend. All applications will be screened in order to determine if potential students meet acceptance criteria.

### 4. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

Parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Students must maintain adequate attendance, behavior, and academic progress.

### 5. What will my child gain from this program?

Students who attend Gaston Virtual Academy gain a quality, rigorous educational experience while completing courses in a nontraditional environment. Since the teachers in Gaston Virtual Academy are local, Gaston County Schools' teachers, students also have the benefit of being able to seek face-to-face support from our highly qualified teachers on a regular basis.



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**6. What happens after I complete the Gaston Virtual Academy?**

Gaston Virtual Academy has grown over the last several years to include a complete high school program, and students will graduate from GVA with a full NC diploma prepared to head into post-secondary life. Gaston Virtual Academy graduates have chosen a wide variety of post-secondary pathways including: full time employment, military, 2-year college, and 4-year college.

**7. What opportunities will be available because of my enrollment in the Virtual Academy?**

Gaston Virtual Academy offers all of the same core courses as traditional schools along with many of the same electives. Gaston Virtual Academy also provides enrichment activities. Students will have the opportunity to come together for both educational and social programs. Field trips, guest speakers, socials, tutoring, and much more are all benefits of the Virtual Academy.

**8. Are there any additional requirements for students in the Virtual Academy?**

Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy must continue to maintain adequate attendance, behavior, and academics.