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Gaston Virtual Academy Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the 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. 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 admission to the Virtual Academy?

Parents/Guardians must be North Carolina residents. Students should demonstrate the need for a flexible schedule and the ability to be successful in a virtual learning environment.

3. Who can apply to the Virtual Academy and how are students selected?

Any K-12 Gaston County student may apply to attend during the choice application window. All students who apply will be screened in order to determine acceptance.

4. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

A parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in North Carolina. Students must maintain satisfactory academics, attendance, and behavior.

5. What will my child gain from this program?

Students who attend the Gaston Virtual Academy gain a quality, rigorous educational experience while completing courses in a nontraditional environment. Students still get to participate in clubs and come into the building for district/state states. They may also explore through hands-on experiments/labs and various presentations from speakers within the community. Students have the opportunity to ‘learn without limits and achieve beyond boundaries!’

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

GVA awards the same opportunities as other high schools and produces competitive 4-year university candidates, highly successful community college candidates, strong employees going straight into the workforce, and courageous military recruits. All of these options are developed with a seasoned school counselor helping students bridge the transition from high school to their future goals.