

Distance Learning Plan - Phase 2

Appling County School System



We know health concerns continue to cause anxiety and uncertainty. Thank you for your patience as we revise our action plan to ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff. This plan can change based on GaDOE & GaDPH recommendations.

Students in grades Pre-K - 12 enrolled in distance learning and currently meeting all requirements for distance learning may continue distance learning. Failure to meet any of the distance learning requirements (attendance, passing average, attending virtual meetings) will result in forfeiture of the right to participate in distance learning, and the student will be required to return to in-person learning

Beginning in January, Appling County High School and Appling County Middle School distance learning will take place through the Odysseyware Platform. Appling County teachers will monitor Odysseyware lessons and confer with individual students to provide guidance and discuss assignments.

Quarantined students will continue with regular classroom instruction through interaction with the classroom teacher until their quarantine ends, and students can resume traditional, in-person instruction. Education for both distance students and quarantined students will continue, even though students and teachers are not in the same physical location.

Distance Learning Overview

- Students will receive quality instruction on all grade-level standards.
- **If you choose Distance Learning, you will be asked to certify that you have access to a device, the internet, and are committed to the remote learning environment for the duration, as outlined below.**
- Instruction and support will be provided through Odysseyware and monitored by Appling County teachers and staff.

- **The expectations and rigor will mirror in-person instruction, and there will be a significant commitment from families to help facilitate Distance Learning, ensuring that students understand there will be:**
 - Daily attendance requirements: Distance learners must log in each day at the assigned times to meet the daily attendance requirement.
 - Daily class meetings and video conferences: Distance learners must attend all meetings and video conferences.
 - Graded assignments: Distance learners must maintain a passing average.
- **Students failing to meet any of the above expectations must return to traditional, in person learning.**
- Changes in enrollment for the 2nd semester will close on December 4, 2020. Students cannot change from distance to in-person or in-person to distance learning during the 2nd semester, unless there are extenuating circumstances. School administrators will address extenuating circumstances on an individual basis.

Expectations for all Schools Distance Learning:

- Information will be provided on requirements for parents to verify their child's daily attendance and participation prior to the beginning of the school year. Parent/guardians agree to participate in provided methods to verify daily attendance and participation. Truancy laws cannot be waived by the system and parents who do not consistently ensure their students meet attendance guidelines would be subject to the standard truancy consequences.
- Students would be subject to the ACSS Code of Conduct while participating in Distance Learning.
- Students will still be enrolled at their zoned/home school while participating in Distance Learning, and principals of that school would have administrative discretion over Distance Learning students the same as any student in their building.
- Parents/guardians agree to have their student participate in required district assessments depending on student grade level. Such assessments include both at-home test taking, as well as, at school testing (in a controlled environment) depending on the assessment.
- Students in the Distance Learning program may participate in extracurricular activities and athletics to the degree that is feasible. Some activities will not be accessible to Distance Learning students depending on when they are held and the nature of the activity. Principals hold the final decision on when a Distance Learning student can or cannot participate in an extracurricular activity.
- The district will work with families to try to ensure each household has technology necessary to participate in Distance Learning.

- Students choosing Distance Learning must, physically, reside in Appling County to comply with enrollment and attendance requirements. Home/Wellness Visits will be conducted at random throughout the school year.

By choosing Distance Learning, the student commits to enrollment in this program for the 2020-2021 school year. Exceptions can be made if determined by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) committee or a Section 504 committee.

Please note that for the 2020-21 school year, report cards will be available online through Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. **They will not be sent home or mailed.**

Please read the individual school plans below and determine if you would like to enroll your students using the link at the bottom of this section.

Expectations for School Distance Learning

Pre-K – 5 Schools:

- Grades Pre-K through 5 will return to traditional in-person learning on January 6, 2021. Students enrolled in distance learning and currently meeting all requirements for distance learning may continue distance learning. **However, failure to meet any of the distance learning requirements below will result in forfeiture of the right to participate in distance learning, and the student will be required to return to in-person learning.**
- Students will login to Google Classroom each day to receive posted lessons, activities, and assignments.
- Students will also be asked to submit assignments via Google Classroom **by the assigned date.**
- Students will be able to access learning resources using Symbaloo and Google Classroom / SeeSaw.
- Students must engage in class instruction, meetings and video conferences via Zoom and/or Google Classroom.
- Students will receive quality instruction on all grade-level standards.
- Based on participation in Virtual Learning, students may be required to complete Virtual Learning via Odysseyware.
- Students must have access to a device, the internet, and are committed to the remote learning environment for the duration. The expectations and rigor will mirror in-person instruction, and there will be a significant commitment from families to help facilitate Distance Learning.
- Daily attendance requirements: Students must log in each day at the assigned times to meet the daily attendance requirement.

- Assignments will be graded the same as traditional in person learning: **Students are required to take graded assessments each Friday in a school location that meets DPH guidelines and maintain a passing average.**

Middle School (Grades 6 – 8):

Failure to meet any of the distance learning requirements below will result in forfeiture of the right to participate in distance learning, and the student will be required to return to in-person learning.

- Assignments and instruction will be provided using Odysseyware and supported through Google Classrooms.
- Expectations/Requirements
 - DL Students
 - Join and check daily all Distance Learning Google Classrooms
 - A minimum of 4 active hours must be completed daily in Odysseyware
 - A minimum of 20 active minutes must be completed daily in all 6 subjects
 - Passing all subjects
 - DL Students Receiving Supplemental Services
 - Join and check daily all Distance Learning Google Classrooms
 - A minimum of 3.5 active hours must be completed daily in Odysseyware
 - A minimum of 20 active minutes must be completed daily in all 6 subjects
 - A minimum of 30 active minutes must be completed daily in supplemental programs (iLearn, iXL, System 44, Read 180, etc)
 - Passing all subjects
- Online Office Hours will be posted in Distance Learning Google Classrooms.
- Teachers will make contact weekly with online students through various forms of communication.
- Various platforms such as Illuminate will be used for quizzes and assessments.
- Students who select distance learning will still maintain official enrollment at their school and will be able to participate in school activities/athletics.

High School (Grades 9 – 12):

ACHS Distance Learning Options for families who choose **not** to have their student return to the school for **2nd semester of the 20-21 school year**

- Distance Learning for ACHS will be provided through:
 - 1) Georgia Virtual School online courses/Odysseyware online courses
- Parents/guardians and students who may be interested in this option for the second semester should call the ACHS Guidance Office at 367-8610 or contact our counselors via email.
- These decisions must be made by **December 4, 2020** through contact to ACHS Guidance.
- Students who select one of these options will still maintain official enrollment at their school and will be able to participate in school activities/athletics.
- Students who do not attend school due to COVID-19 quarantine may not participate in school/activities/athletics until cleared to return to school.

Questions	Option 1: Georgia Virtual School Online Courses/Odysseyware Online Courses
How often will I log on for class?	Daily
Will attendance be checked and required?	Yes, daily through login
How will assignments be submitted?	Through the respective online platform
How will assignments be graded?	Via the teachers for the respective platforms.
How will assessments be completed?	Through the respective online platform. All Georgia State Assessments will be taken on campus in a secure environment.
Will I be held to the same level of rigor as those students on campus?	Yes. The course will be built on the same GSE standards and assignments will be comparable to those on campus.
Will I need my own technology to be successful?	Yes. Both a computer and good internet will be a key to success.

Distance learning enrollment will close on December 4, 2020, for all high school students.