



TOWNHALL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Grahamwood @ Home Questions

How many students will a virtual teacher have per class? Can I pick my teacher?

Virtual classes will be filled to the maximum allowed by policy. Around 20 in grades K-2 and 25-30 in 3-5. Since some teachers will be assigned to virtual classes and others to in-person classes, teacher assignments may change. This means that we may not be able to meet every teacher request (especially for first choice). However, as much as possible we will look at all parent choices.

How will students get books? How will assessments be administered virtually?

All materials will be online (texts, lessons, assignments, and assessments). If materials are needed (like math manipulatives), parents may get the option to do a drive by pick up from the school, or given options for alternatives (like using cheerios).

How will CLUE be handled?

Information about virtual CLUE can be found at clue901.com

Will students still be assigned to “optional” and “traditional” virtual classes?

Yes. We anticipate that we will have at least one Optional Virtual Teacher and one “traditional” teacher per grade. However, this will depend on the number of students who select “virtual” and the number who select “in person.”

What does a typical school day look like for virtual learners in terms of the amount of hours per day and start/end time for classes? If we do virtual learning-what happens if utilities are off? Will this count against attendance? What happens if a student has a doctor appointment? Or mom needs to run errands? Are students expected to physically “sit” in front of the computer for 5-6 hours per day to attend class, or will there be options for pre-recorded classes/lessons so that students can do them at their leisure/own pace.

A sample schedule was posted on our website and in Dr. Ray’s plan. As of right now, virtual learning is synchronous. This means that live teaching occurs at a certain time and that students are expected to attend each class. This equates to about 6 hours of online time for students between 8 and 3. There is some flexibility with regards the “independent” practice time. Please remember that assignments need to be graded, and that our teachers are only available between those hours. Dr. Ray’s plan outlines that attendance in the virtual meetings will be used to calculate each student’s attendance. However, just like in the regular school year, if you have a doctor appointment, if you bring a note, that will be excused.

How will devices be given to those students who do not have one? Do I have to use the district device?

All students will receive a device to keep at home this year. A schedule is forthcoming. Virtual students will receive devices before the start of school. We do recommend that you get a device, even if you do not need one. It will be preloaded with all the required software and comes with technical support. Our techs will not be able to provide this support if you are using your own device.

Will the curriculum delivered online be the same as that delivered in person?

It will be very similar and will follow the same standards and pacing guide. Online students will use Florida Virtual School's online platform. However, it will be cross-walked with the district curriculum.

Will there be a GEAR UP Day? When and how will we find out teacher assignments?

A GEAR UP day is scheduled but will likely be virtual. We will share class lists on that day.

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