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# Media Release

## **CCSD Virtual Learning options announced for 2021-2022 school year**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is preparing for the new 2021-22 school year in August with two modes of instruction: in-person for the vast majority and a K-12 virtual program for a limited number of students.

The growing availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, expected continuation of the decline in virus transmission rates, and proven protocols that have helped keep schools safer and healthier have led to an expectation for a near full return to in-person instruction for students on August 18, 2021.

This means that after this June, CCSD will no longer offer the online learning (also referred to as temporary remote) option where students remain at home but are included in a class made up of both in-person and online students taught by a teacher at their neighborhood school. Students will either attend school in-person or enroll in the K-8 virtual academy option.

The CCSD virtual academy option will be offered for a limited number of students in grades K-8 for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. In order to be considered, students must apply using the application found [here \(Spanish language version\)](#).

Currently, around 75 percent of CCSD students are learning in-person five days a week; around 24 percent of CCSD students are online learning remotely from home, and around 1 percent are enrolled in the current CCSD Central Virtual Academy.

High School students interested in committing to a full-time virtual school program will work with their home school counselor to schedule the appropriate online courses to ensure on-time graduation. Application through the district is not required.

For questions about the CCSD Virtual Academy email [virtualacademy@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:virtualacademy@charleston.k12.sc.us).

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### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.