CCSD Full-Time Virtual Academy

To Express Interest in Enrolling, Complete the CCSD Full-Time Virtual Academy Interest Form

Program Description

CCSD Full-time Virtual Academy provides a quality curriculum and instruction with a more flexible environment than the traditional school setting. As a full-time online public Kindergarten-12th grade program, the CCSD Full-time Virtual Academy offers comprehensive, full-time, tuition-free learning for all students enrolled in a Charleston County School District school. Students follow the CCSD enrollment calendar of 180 days of instruction for their enrolled school. Whether you’re looking for an alternative to the traditional classroom during these uncertain times or a way to balance other scheduling concerns, the dynamic learning experiences available through CCSD Full-time Virtual Academy offer a viable option to serve the K-12 educational needs of your student for the 2020-2021 school year.

It is important to note that the CCSD Full-Time Virtual Academy operates independently from other CCSD schools related to the expectation of a student’s virtual attendance or a virtual class schedule. Students who enroll as a CCSD Full-Time Academy student will begin school on the first day of the CCSD district schools calendar, even if all other CCSD schools are open for face-to-face instruction, or when CCSD schools are temporarily operating on a hybrid schedule or a fully online model.

Students enroll in a standard public school course load of 4-6 courses per semester or year-long (according to grade level) and participate in all required district and state-mandated testing. All virtual course curriculum is aligned to South Carolina College and Career State Standards for
Elementary grade levels and to specific courses at the middle and high school levels. Elementary students will complete the core curriculum (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies) in a hybrid model that includes scheduled virtual class-time, flexible assignment completion work-time, and exposure to a variety of grade-appropriate related-arts content using various delivery formats. Courses are available 24/7 online, so students can continue work, at any time and any place to complete their assignments. As in any academic program, there is a reasonable expectation for students to pace their work in order to advance through the curriculum.

At the elementary level our certified teachers provide instruction through a combination of scheduled class-time (synchronous- live online interactive sessions) and one-on-one connections with each student through virtual conferences, by phone, and email. During class-time, your child will be able to meet with classmates, participate in activities, and build relationships with their teachers and peers. The elementary core courses are developed using core content from a global provider with a history of developing high-quality online learning curriculum. In these courses, students experience real-life applications and activities, enabling them to develop independence as they progress through each lesson.

At the middle and high school level, course delivery is primarily in an online format with scheduled personalized conferencing with course-specific certified teachers, small group conferencing with a teacher/online facilitator, and independent work time. Some courses will be offered a hybrid model with scheduled class-time. Students in high school work with their home school counselor and a CCSD Virtual Program Facilitator to register for a full schedule of courses aligned with their past academic performance level and to ensure completion of all required courses for on-time graduation. Courses may be selected from SC Virtual offerings (CP/Honors), Edgenuity (CP and AP level), and Dual Credit courses. Students who meet district graduation requirements are able to receive a diploma from their enrolled neighborhood school. Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities (clubs and sports as allowed by NCAA) at their enrolled neighborhood school.

**What can students expect from a full-time virtual experience?**

- Scheduled class time for elementary/middle with flexibility
• Flexible time for elementary, middle, and high school to complete course content
• Independent learning with supports
• Core, elective and specials, honors, and AP courses
• Extracurricular activities through enrolled neighborhood or choice school
• Ability to earn a high school diploma from an enrolled neighborhood school

How do I know if a full-time virtual option is the best fit for you or your child?

• I am prepared to commit to a year (at minimum) as a full-time virtual school student.
• I have broadband/wifi access at home so that I can work remotely.
• I am self-disciplined as a learner.
• Time management is one of my strengths.
• Face-to-face teacher interaction is not necessary for me to learn.
• I like working online and interacting with my teacher and peers through virtual class-time, online discussion boards, and collaborating with others on projects and assignments online.
• If I am in elementary school, I have parent/guardian support at home to help support my learning.

Enrollment for CCSD Full-Time Virtual Academy opens in late July for the upcoming school year. Information about the enrollment process will be available on the CCSD website.