

LCSS Online Learning Opportunities

In July 2012, Senate Bill 289 was passed by Georgia Legislators and signed into law by the Governor. The new law established guidelines and expectations for how local school districts offer and provide notification to students and parents about online learning. While the legislation does not require an online course to graduate, it does provide an option for students to take an online learning option.

Overview of Senate Bill 289

- Districts must notify students and parents of online options beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.
- A student may take an online course even if the course is offered by Lee County.
- If the online course is taken in place of a course in the regular school day, there will be no cost incurred by the student or parent. If the course is taken outside the school day, the student is responsible for the cost of the course. Withdrawals from GAVS courses are only allowed in extenuating circumstances and student's parents are responsible for payment of all fees associated with the course incurred by the district.
- Online courses can be accessed through the Georgia Virtual School, local virtual schools, or vendor online schools.

Overview of House Bill 175

- This bill mandates the creation of an online clearinghouse of online courses and online course providers to give parents and students the ability to search the clearinghouse for availability to online courses, online course providers, and guidelines for what constitutes high quality online courses.

Accessing Georgia's Online Clearinghouse

The Georgia Online Clearinghouse provides students and parent with information and access to high-quality academic and career-oriented courses, aligned to state and national standards, through a variety of online providers. To access the information found in the clearinghouse go to: http://www.gadoe.org/_layouts/GADOEPublic.SPApp/Clearinghouse.aspx

Step One: Type in the course you need (for example 9th grade Literature)

Step Two: Type in your zip code. You will then see a list of the online course providers in Georgia who have the course you selected. The program provider's names have been linked for users to access their site for registration information.

Step Three: Utilize the provider's site to register the student in the selected online course.

Request Online Courses

Requests are subject to counselor and administrative approval. Please contact your child's school counselor for information on how to register for online courses. It is the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian to determine if the course is accepted by the NCAA Clearinghouse.