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Fulton County Schools Virtual Options FAQ

What is the Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence (FAVE)?

- FAVE is Fulton County School's full-time, public, online school that allows students in grades 3-12 to attend classes in a more flexible format outside of the traditional face-to-face school day.
- Instruction includes a blend of live, online lessons and self-directed lessons from our certified teachers.
- Teachers and students work remotely, connecting through a variety of online applications to learn Fulton County curriculum and achieve academic success.

What are the differences between FAVE and Fulton Virtual?

- FAVE is the district's full-time online school. Students enroll as full-time members of the school and make a year-long commitment to staying at the school. FAVE serves students in grades 3-12.
- Fulton Virtual is the district's **part-time**, supplemental program in which students take one to three courses and remain enrolled in their zoned school.

Will students receive live instruction at FAVE?

- FAVE provides consistent, weekly live instruction in Microsoft Teams.

What skills are needed for a virtual student at FAVE?

- For our students to be most successful, they need a special skillset for managing their time and schoolwork in an online environment.
- Parents and caregivers of elementary students will need to be more active in helping their students develop the autonomy and skills for self-guided learning.

What is the attendance policy for FAVE?

- Elementary: The instructional model for elementary grades will be mostly synchronous with daily live lesson instruction in homeroom, Reading/English Language Arts, and Math. As with a traditional brick and mortar school, attendance will be taken in all synchronous classes. For students to count as present, they must be in attendance during morning meetings and stay for 50% of the instructional day.
- Middle/High: Students in secondary grade levels will have a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences. Students must participate in at least half of the school day to be given credit for attendance. A half day at school is equivalent to 3 classes. For students to be present, they must be in attendance for more than 30



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minutes (50%) during the scheduled class time.

- Cameras On Policy: All FAVE students are required to have their cameras on to be counted present.
- For more information about attendance visit our website at <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/23658>.

What is flexible attendance at FAVE?

- Middle and high school students who maintain good academic standing and meet the criteria at each progress marking period are awarded an opportunity to opt into our flexible attendance program.
- Students earning flexible attendance are not required to attend live classes. Students are still afforded the opportunity to attend classes should they wish to attend. Videos of live classes are available to students to reference as needed and course content with additional instructional materials are included inside of Canvas.

When does registration open at FAVE?

- FAVE offers two enrollment windows – one in the Fall and one in the Spring
- Those who apply and accept a seat at FAVE are making a year-long commitment to remain in the school. More information about FAVE can be found at <https://www.fultonschools.org/fave>
- If you would like to express interest in enrollment outside of the enrollment windows, you may fill out the following interest form to start the enrollment process: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/9221>

What courses does FAVE offer?

- FAVE offers many of the same courses already available to students – just without a physical building. The initial courses provided meet graduation requirements for any student.
- Please visit our website at <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/8604> for a full list of course offerings for high school students.
- The high school elective guide can also be found on our website at <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/25121>.

Will my child be required to take Milestones, AP testing, and/or TAG testing in person?

- Yes. Students are required to take Milestones, AP testing, TAG testing, and other nationally normed tests in person at designated sites.



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What is competency-based learning?

- FAVE focuses on students truly learning the information being taught. This gives students the ability to work through assignments and resubmit work to reach their learning goal and mastery of the content.
- Students have access to flexible pacing. Students can work ahead of pace if they choose. By working ahead in one subject area the student can spend more time in a subject that they may need additional support and time to create learning growth.

What technology and applications will my student use?

- All live synchronous instruction is conducted using Microsoft Teams.
- Students access learning content, resources, and assignments through Canvas.
- All other required software applications will be accessed through Classlink.

If I enroll at FAVE, can my student still participate in activities at their home school?

- Students enrolled at FAVE have an opportunity to participate in FAVE teacher-led clubs and extracurricular activities for all grade levels.
- FAVE students are allowed to participate in GHSA sanctioned athletics at their zoned schools. Students are responsible for their own transportation to their home school for practices and games. More information can be found on our school website.
- If FAVE does not offer a club/activity offered that is offered at a student's zoned school, the student may participate at the zoned school with principal permission.

Can I return to my home school any time next year if I decide FAVE is the right spot for me?

- Yes, but we ask that students who elect to attend FAVE make a year-long commitment to staying at FAVE.

Do FAVE students take courses with FVS and GAVS?

- FAVE students are offered FVS courses for connections courses in middle school and elective courses in high school.
- Fulton Virtual offers a variety of courses for grades 9-12 and offers core courses for grades 6-8. The catalog for Fulton Virtual courses can be found at their website <https://www.fultonschools.org/fultonvirtual>. Fulton Virtual classes do not have daily live lessons.
- Additional virtual elective options are available for high school students through Georgia Virtual School (GAVS). This course will count as one of the student's elective options. GAVS has strict policies for late work and attendance. This learning platform



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is not for every student and classes do not have daily live lessons.

- Visit the GAVS website, <http://www.gavirtualschools.org>, to view their course offerings. Enrolling in GAVS is intended for students to have additional elective options that are not offered at FAVE High School.

Are AP, TAG, honors, IB, etc. courses offered?

- FAVE offers AP, TAG, and Honors courses. Fulton Virtual offers honors courses. FAVE does not offer IB courses.

What is the role of the homeroom teacher as advisor?

- Each student in the middle and high school levels will be assigned a teacher as advisor. The homeroom teacher will communicate frequently with the learning coach and students about the student's progress, areas of strength, and areas of improvement. The homeroom teacher will also provide live instruction on skills to help students be successful in the full-time, online school.

What are At Home Learning Coaches?

- At every grade level, a student needs at home support. The amount of at home support depends on the level of independence the student has.
 - At elementary grade levels, the learning coach is often an adult who is at home with the student helping the student with technical issues or reexplaining instructions to the student. Often the learning coach will be involved and an integral part of the student's live online lessons and independent learning.
 - At the middle and high school grade levels, a learning coach's responsibility depends on the student's readiness and ability to learn independently. Homeroom teachers will reach out frequently to a student's at-home learning coach to discuss progress, successes, and areas of growth for the student.

Will my child receive the same accommodations from 504, IEP, etc. that they did at their home school?

- Accommodations for students with IEPs will be limited to those that are appropriate to an online environment and the rigorous, independent nature of FAVE. Thus, FAVE may not be appropriate for all learners. Even if the model is appropriate, accommodations in a student's IEP may need to be removed, changed, or added by the IEP Teacher.