

Senate Bill 289: Online Learning Opportunities

Overview

Under Senate Bill 289, students in grades 9–12 may participate in approved online learning programs. This legislation expands flexible learning pathways while ensuring that each request aligns with the school’s available physical and technological resources.

In addition, students in grades 3–8 may take world language courses online, providing an early opportunity to begin or continue language study beyond what may be available on their local campus.

Option 1: Online Course During the School Day

Students may request one online course per year as part of their regular school schedule.

- Requires counselor and administrative approval
- Dependent on school supervision, staffing, and technology capacity
- No cost to families when the course is taken during the regular school day
- Courses may be selected from the district’s online catalog, Career Planner, Georgia Virtual School, or other state-approved online providers

This option supports students who want to personalize their academic plan while remaining on campus.

Option 2: Online Course Outside the School Day

Students may also request to complete an online course independently after school hours or from home.

- Requires counselor and administrative approval
- Tuition costs apply for courses taken outside regular school hours
- Students may choose from the same list of district-approved online learning providers

This option is well-suited for responsible, self-directed learners seeking additional flexibility.

Registration Window

To streamline the process for families, an electronic application will be available each year from April 1 through July 1.

- This window applies to courses planned for the upcoming school year
- Applications close promptly on July 1
- A new registration window will reopen each spring for subsequent school years