GCASD ONLINE ACADEMY

Education Customized for You

2026-2027
K-4TH GRADE
STUDENT HANDBOOK

511 HIGHLAND AVENUE
GROVE CITY, PA 16127

GCASD K - 4 Online Academy Handbook

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About Our School

The GCASD Online Academy is a new way of looking at how we offer learning to our students. The purpose of the GCASD Online Academy is to offer students the education they need to prepare for life in the 21st century. It provides students with opportunities they may not have previously had through their public education experience. Grove City is proud to meet the needs and wants of students and their parents in the same quality academic environment with which stakeholders have become accustomed.

The staff of Grove City is proud to offer various new offerings through the Online Academy combined with the traditional offerings of past years. The quality of education with which you are accustomed remains as high as ever, but the courses are presented in a different manner. No matter which program a student chooses to enroll in, successful completion will result in a Grove City diploma. Parents and students can be assured that they are prepared for the next steps life has to offer.

District's Message

Dear Students, Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

As a new student or as a returning student, we welcome you to the GCASD Online Academy and to the many opportunities available. We look forward to providing a unique opportunity for your child to learn and grow as a student. Our cyber service is built on the Accelerate Education platform. The program's lessons are interactive and geared toward the elementary learner. Each lesson in Accelerate Education has been hand selected to align with the GCASD's curriculum. The District is looking forward to working closely with your family as we provide meaningful and challenging learning activities for your elementary student.

To ensure that your child's experience with GCASD Online Academy is successful we would like to introduce ourselves to you and provide you with information that will enable you to join us in our goal of guiding your children to success.

Thank you for joining us in this endeavor to provide engaging, relevant instruction to your child. It is our mission to not only help your child have a successful school year, but to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

Their success as an individual will be our success as educators and as a total school community. We wish the best to you and your child!

Dr. Joshua J. Weaver

The GCASD School Counselor assists students in developing a realistic picture of their progress in relation to their potential. The school counseling staff provides academic advising, orientation services consultation with parents and teachers, referral services, assistance to students, parents, teachers and other professionals in developing a sound education program.

School Counseling Department Contacts

Hillview School Counseling Department

724.458.7570 ext. 4100

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Grades K-5

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Tips for a Successful Cyber Experience

- Set a schedule for your child to complete each subject's lesson and work (and stick to it!)
- Record each score on your grade sheet for each subject as they are completed
- Check your email frequently for cyber announcements and information from the teacher

ACCELERATE EDUCATION

GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

URL

https://accelerate-grovecity.vschool.com

Username: student email address

Password: student ID#

- Enter your username and password
- Click Login



- Choose a subject
- Click on the play button to begin

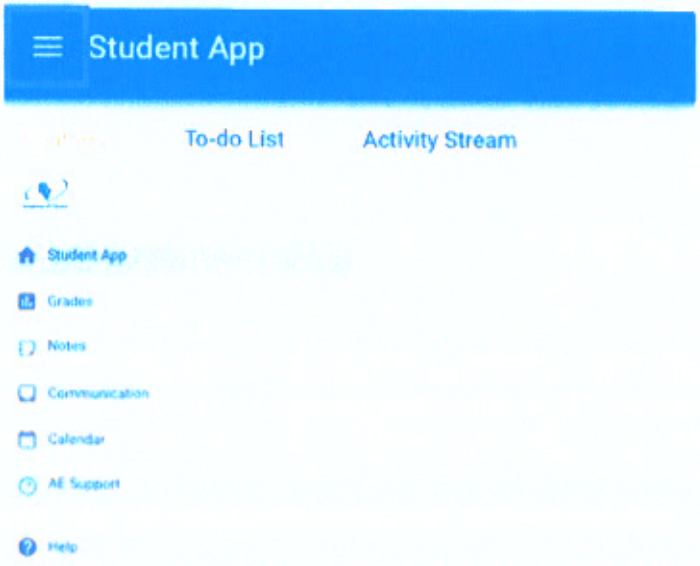


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Progress

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Academy of Choice

General Information

Monitoring Progress

Students in Grades Kindergarten - 4th: Students will no longer be evaluated by a percentage system, though you will still see this in Compass. The cyber teacher analyzes the standards and assesses each student based on a pass/fail system. Standards-based learning focuses on the growth, understanding and mastery of specific grade level skills. Your cyber teacher will communicate, as necessary, if they have concerns on the specific standard skills. Please remember that your child may not be able to master the entire standard until the end of the year, as some standards have multiple components.

Communicating with Your Teachers

Emails

Have your child check the Communication Center in the Compass Learning program frequently for updates from their cyber teacher. Students may email the teacher directly through the Communication Center regarding assignments and/or student course progress.

Log for Music, Art, Library, and Physical Education

If a student will be a cyber student during special areas at school, that student is responsible for logging hours to meet the state requirements for that area. The cyber elementary teacher will provide the specials log so that the student can record activities in the special areas.

Elementary Student Handbook

Students and parents should additionally be familiar with the contents of the student handbook for their assigned school (Hillview). The student handbook can be found on the building's web page at gcasdk12.org.

2026 - 2027 Deadlines

All online assignments, binders, and log hours need to be completed and handed in either physically or electronically by the deadlines below.

November 2, 2026	End of 1st 9 weeks
January 20, 2027	End of 2nd 9 weeks
March 30, 2027	End of 3rd 9 weeks
June 4, 2027	End of 4th 9 weeks

Cheating/Plagiarism (as per Code of Conduct, Student Handbook)

Students are expected to be independently familiar with the Grove City Area School District Cheating and Plagiarism Code of Conduct from the student handbook, and to recognize that their work in any course, including cyber courses, is to be their own original work that truthfully represents their time, effort and concepts learned. Violations of the Code of Conduct are serious and will be handled in a manner that fully represents the extent of the policy and that benefits the seriousness of its violation. There will be no explanations accepted for plagiarism, cheating, or any other act that suggest that a student has not honestly fulfilled his/her academic responsibilities. Any evidence of academic dishonesty and plagiarism may result in a grade of "F" for the course or for a particular activity, including quizzes, tests, practice homework and required signatures. All violations of the Code of Conduct will be kept on file yearly and reported to administration.

Acceptable use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources (as per School Board Policy #815)

GCASD Online Academy students' files are not considered to be personal property and may be accessed at any time by teachers, administrators, or the system managers. You are responsible for what appears in your accounts and on media in your possession.

The following are some examples of inappropriate behavior: tampering with files or passwords, accessing another student's files, probing or circumventing security systems, downloading and/or playing unauthorized games, downloading and/or viewing inappropriate material, accessing unauthorized directories, and removing equipment or software. Likewise, chat sites, blogs, social network sites, and electronic mail are not to be used to post personal, harassing, threatening, unwelcome, or inappropriate messages. Violation of the acceptable use policies may result in loss of computer use privileges and other school disciplinary action. Violators may also be prosecuted under applicable local, state or federal civil or criminal law.

Bullying/Cyber Bullying (as per School Board Policy #249)

There is no place for bullying in Grove City Area School District. Bullying is defined as an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act, or a series of acts directed at another student that has the effect of doing any of the following:

1. Substantially interfering with a student's education.

2. Creating a threatening environment.

3. Substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Students who act as bullies will be disciplined according to the discipline code.

Building Student Handbook

Cyber students are additionally expected to comply with the student handbook published for their assigned building. Each building's Student Handbook is available on our website at gcasdk12.org.

Abuse (Physical, Emotional, Neglect, etc.):

All employees of the Grove City Area School District are identified as Mandated Reporters of child abuse. This means that if abuse, of any kind, is suspected of occurring to a child in our care, it must be reported to the appropriate authority. Reports of abuse can be made by the student involved or anyone who suspects that abuse is occurring. Staff members who become aware of, or suspect an abusive situation are required to report the suspected abuse to Childline (1-800-932-0313).

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