



100% VIRTUAL LEARNING

Chattooga County Schools

July 2020

VIRTUAL vs HYBRID vs E-LEARNING

- Virtual learning

- 100% distance learning: away from the school campus
- Instruction provided by certified teachers at Georgia Connections Academy – Pearson Connexus (K-12).

- Hybrid learning

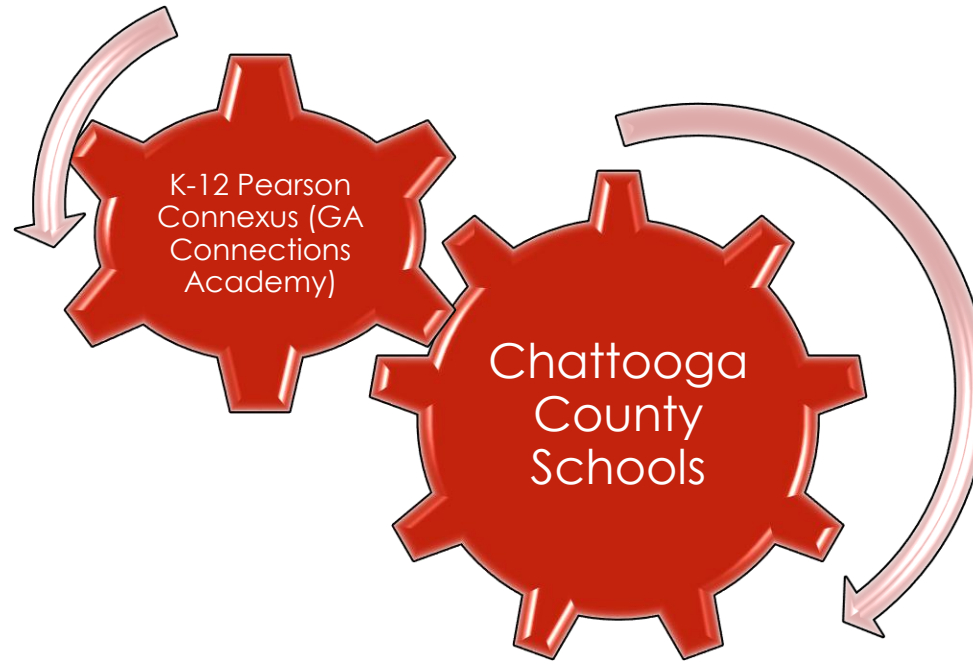
- Approximately 50% in-person learning and 50% distance learning
- Instruction provided by a Chattooga County School system certified teacher. Hybrid is one option the school system may operate under if our community is experiencing a significant COVID19 outbreak.

- E-Learning

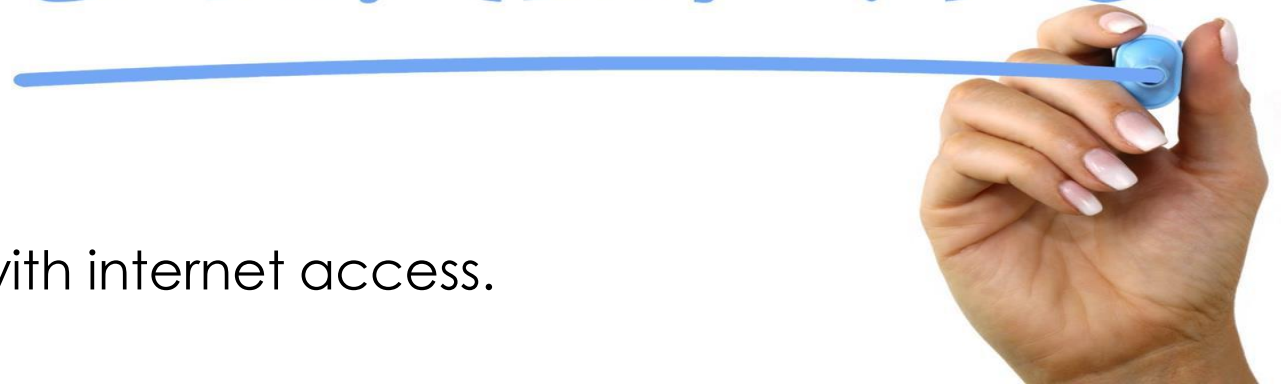
- Face-to-face and technology-based within the classroom setting where assignments, projects, etc. may be accessed from the LMS; Google Classroom. Generally is used on a daily basis with students accessing the LMS during class and/or at home.



VIRTUAL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP



BENEFITS



- Provides freedom.
- Work from home or anywhere with internet access.
- Work at your pace.
- Convenient if you need flexibility with time or to meet family challenges.
- Great if you are able to balance responsibilities to meet deadlines.
- Many students will enjoy a virtual learning platform.

CHALLENGES

- Virtual learning is not easier than traditional classroom learning.
 - Self-motivation, discipline, and a strong support system at home are a must.
- A successful experience in distance learning requires a basic background with technology.
 - It is strongly recommended that students have ready access to a computer or laptop with high-speed Internet access, such as DSL or cable broadband. Virtual learning will require students to download and access course materials.
- Virtual learning success depends on preparation, motivation, dedication, planning and a support system.



TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements:

- Computer
- Internet Access
 - Each school location will have access available located outside of the school building and school-issued devices will automatically connect.
 - Online courses use the web to deliver instruction.
- Additional equipment that may be needed
 - Webcam
 - Headphones/Speaker

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS A 504, IEP, IAP OR IS SERVED GIFTED?

- Pearson Connexus is designed to provide services where feasible in an online setting.
 - For students with IEPs, a Chattooga County Schools special education teacher will monitor your progress through virtual learning, while your virtual teacher will provide the accommodations.*
 - For students with IAPs your home school ELL teacher will monitor your virtual learning progress, and your virtual teacher will provide the accommodations.*
 - For students with 504s, your virtual teacher will provide accommodations, while your home school monitors your progress.*

*IEPs, IAPs, and 504s may need to be amended for virtual learning.

ENROLLMENT & COST

- Families will have to enroll each child online with the online learning platform based on the grade band for their child(ren). Dates will be announced for you attend your child's local school to assist with the enrollment process.
- The Chattooga County School system will pay for core courses.
 - K-2 English Language Arts/Reading and Math
 - 3-8 English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies
 - 9-12 Courses required to meet graduation requirements



COMMITMENT

- Families will be asked to commit to one semester of virtual learning.
- Open enrollment will be between July 23rd-29th. With an extended window from July 30th- September 1st on a case-by-case basis.
- A virtual learning “contract of commitment” will be required when you enroll your student.
- [Contract for Distance Learning 2020-2021 School Year.pdf](#)

YOU WILL REMAIN A PART OF THE CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL FAMILY

- Your child will receive instruction online with a Pearson Connexus, GA certified instructor. All learning and support will be through the online learning platform.
- Learning virtually does not limit your ability to play sports with the school system. All GHSA rules will be followed.
- Students will be invited to attend school organizations/clubs, school sponsored events and programs.
- Grades will be reported to the Chattooga County School system to be recorded. Transcripts will be updated with reported grades.
- Attendance will be recorded with the virtual school and becomes a part of the student's school records.

* However, if a student decides to return to face-to-face instruction at the end of the semester, all attendance and grades will be transferred from the virtual school.

ARE YOU READY?

- If you are interested in registering for virtual learning, please take the “Readiness Questionnaire” that has been provided to you in the FAQ document. The results will provide you with some helpful suggestions on how to best prepare yourself for a successful virtual learning experience.



An independent environment with self-taught learning?



Student-centered, where you are on your own, but help is available?



Teacher-directed, where all material is explained in detail?



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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