



# Newton County School System

## VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

### Learning Commitment for Success 2021-2022

**Current Enrolled School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level for 2021-2022:**    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10    11    12

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, GA Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a response for the statement.

My child will check out a NCSS Chromebook to use for the duration of this program:    Yes    No

### **Introduction**

Newton County School System has established an online Virtual Instructional Program (VIP) where students commit for a full semester to participate in online learning. Participation in the program is 100% self-paced and online for students. Elementary students will complete learning modules created by certified staff, and secondary students will complete learning modules through the Edgenuity platform with the support of certified staff. Learners will also have access to teachers via office hours and small group differentiated support time. Learners are expected to abide by the guidelines and requirements set forth by the Newton County School System, which are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

### **What is the Virtual Instructional Program (VIP)?**

The Virtual Instructional Program (VIP) allows for online learning options for students to continue working towards a high school diploma or grade progression without physically attending a school facility. Students commit to this learning experience for a full semester of study at a time. Students choosing this fully remote learning experience will be awarded ½ credits for each course successfully completed with a final grade of 70 or higher at the conclusion of each semester.

### **Student Readiness**

Student success in an online setting is dependent on many factors. In addition to collaboration with your child's school, it is highly recommended students and their families utilize the [Online Learner Readiness Self-Survey](#) to help determine their student's readiness for this special program learning opportunity.

### **Student Requirements for Success**

- Commit to instructional program on a semester basis (August 2, 2021- December 17, 2021, and January 4, 2022-May 20, 2022)
- Maintain adequate academic progress for each grading period or be on track for graduation at the conclusion of first semester to continue in fully virtual setting
- Follow school communication feeds for updates of school activities
- Attend all required teacher support sessions
- Maintain timely progress in courses and meet required deadlines
- Maintain communication with teachers
- Follow all course requirements, including notetaking, studying for tests and quizzes, and following virtual learning rules
- Complete all weekly assignments/assessments to meet attendance requirements
- Attend the Beginning of Year (BOY) virtual orientation with program staff
- Attend a virtual meeting with program staff during each nine-week grading period to discuss progress and learning goals
- Adhere to all academic integrity requirements outlines in the NCSS student handbook

### **Parent Requirements for Success**

- Commit to virtual learning on a semester basis (August 2, 2021- December 17, 2021 and January 4, 2022-May 20, 2022)
- Required to attend parent orientation/on-boarding open house
- Required to meet for teacher conferences and workshops
- Follow program communication feeds for updates of class/program activities
- Must have reliable access to internet
- Must have dedicated virtual learning contact person (if different from parent/guardian)
- Supervise and monitor progress throughout the day
- Hold student accountable for completing work
- Ensure student maintains adequate academic progress for each grading period or be on track for graduation at the conclusion of first semester to continue in fully virtual setting.

### **Newton County School System Teacher will provide**

- Program orientation, set-up, and navigation
- Content learning support
- Goals-setting and progress monitoring
- Email support

### **Attendance and Participation**

Attendance is essential for online academic success.

- The learner will adhere to timelines for completion of course requirements each week and/or semester. Extensions will not be allowed.
- Students and the parents/guardians will be asked to attend mandatory virtual conferences and meetings. These requirements may be for orientation, goals-setting, state pupil accounting requirements, progress monitoring, providing related services, or for standardized tests.

### **Adequate Academic Progress**

Adequate academic progress is defined as earning at least a Standards-Based Level 2 (Grade three students only) or at least a 70% grade (Grades four-twelve) each 9-week grading period or as their rolling cumulative total. If a student fails to make Adequate Academic Progress by the end of the 9-week period, the student will be placed on academic probation for the next 9-week grading period.

### **Acceptable Use**

It is the responsibility of the learner to know the contents of any Acceptable Use Policies found in the student handbook of the Newton County School System.

[https://newton.instructure.com/courses/78492/pages/acceptable-use-policy?module\\_item\\_id=262484](https://newton.instructure.com/courses/78492/pages/acceptable-use-policy?module_item_id=262484)

### **Academic Benchmarks**

Newton County School System is committed to high academic standards and will require virtual students to validate learning by participating in assessments as required by the state of Georgia and the local school system:

- Students enrolled in the NCSS Virtual Instructional Program must complete grade appropriate state and local assessments.
- Virtual learners will be notified of dates and locations of applicable tests. When permitted to do so, NCSS will administer assessments virtually; however, NCSS is not allowed to administer state assessments virtually. Parents/guardians will be responsible for ensuring students report in-person for state assessments.
- Information relative to specific grade-level testing will be communicated by school administration.



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**Student:** I have read and I understand the requirements for online learning readiness. I accept the responsibility for the preparation needed to complete virtual learning. I am aware that I must meet attendance requirements to remain active in the course. I will organize my time, communicate with my teacher as needed, and contribute positively to the online learning process. If any school property is checked out to me for academic purposes, it is my responsibility to care for and return it in good standing. I understand that if I do not meet the above criteria, I may be in jeopardy of losing my enrollment status.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** I am aware of the criteria for Newton County School System Virtual Instructional Program and agree to help my child be successful in all online learning courses.

**Initial next to each box to verify your understanding and agreement:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand there is an expected adequate academic progress provision for my student, and I understand the consequences of my child not meeting that academic progress during the probationary period.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware of attendance and participation requirements for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ If any school property is checked out to my child for academic purposes, I understand and agree, if lost or broken, the cost or repair or replacement will be my responsibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand for secondary students it is important to note that the following courses are not available in the Edgenuity platform: STEM, ALANHS, ROTC, Newton College & Career Academy, Band and some CTAE courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand if my child does not meet the above stated criteria, he or she may be in jeopardy of not receiving credit for the class and be dropped from enrollment for the online course(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that in some cases, my student and/or myself may be required to come into the school building for face-to-face conferences or standardized assessments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand there may be home visits made by school system staff to check on the student and family's well-being.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I must provide reliable internet service.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Opt-Out of the Virtual Instructional Program

The deadline to opt-out of the instructional model is no later than Monday, July 19, 2021, at 9:00am. Please sign below and send a copy to your child's principal, who will ensure your child is enrolled in the School Based In-Person instructional model.

*I have read and understood the contents of this commitment document; however, I am selecting for my child to opt-out of the self-paced instructional model.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOB

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (Name entry constitutes acceptance of terms of contract)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date