

# 2021-2022 School Year Virtual Registration

# Make your selection by MARCH 29, 2021

The registration window for Virtual Instruction opens March 15<sup>th</sup> and will remain open through 6:00 pm on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

For the past several years, Paulding County School District has offered a 9th-12th virtual school choice option. This past school year, as a response to pandemic concerns, we offered virtual instruction in grades K-8th as well. Based on positive responses to virtual instruction at this level, we will be continuing our school choice option for the Paulding Virtual Academy (PVA) for K-12th next year.

Why do we have to enroll so soon? Building a virtual school choice option requires a lot of planning. First and foremost, it requires sufficient staffing. Determining proper staffing for schools – both virtual and in-person – takes place in the spring to align with budget approval and teacher hiring campaigns. Our virtual program has its own dedicated teacher allotment, similar to any school, and it is based on student enrollment. Since the allotment is enrollment driven, it is critical that we know how many students plan to attend as early as possible.

PARENTS WHO WANT THEIR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION NEXT YEAR MUST REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH THE INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL DURING THE WINDOW OF **MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**, EVEN IF THE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT A VIRTUAL ACADEMY. IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A SELECTION DURING THE WINDOW, YOUR STUDENT(S) WILL BE ENROLLED FOR FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION.

What if I change my mind about virtual instruction before next school year? There will not be an additional window to enroll in virtual instruction. If you are considering virtual instruction, this is the enrollment period. During May 2021, we will provide any family who enrolled in the virtual program a one-time "opt out" opportunity. Otherwise, anyone wishing to make an enrollment change must follow the PCSD Hardship Transfer Process for any school choice option.

[UPDATE] What is the term of commitment? Enrolling in the Paulding Virtual Academy is a year-long commitment. Since schools are staffed and scheduled based on enrollment, frequent movement between schools can disrupt student learning. We believe our students perform best with consistent enrollment in school and with the least disruption to the learning environment as possible.

As you are planning for virtual enrollment, there is more information posted regarding the Paulding Virtual Academy (PVA) on our website at <a href="https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/virtual">www.paulding.k12.ga.us/virtual</a>. If you have questions, please contact your local school or email <a href="mailto:virtual@paulding.k12.ga.us">virtual@paulding.k12.ga.us</a>.

Enrollment will be completed through Infinite Campus. Prior to registering for PVA, you will need an active Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. To activate an account, please see directions below. Please note: you must submit an official identification (driver's license, state-issued Id card, etc.) to activate an account.



# **Activate a Parent Portal Account**

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Please send an email to <a href="mailto:portal@paulding.k12.ga.us">portal@paulding.k12.ga.us</a> and the following information. A copy of parent picture id must also be included in the email.

- Parent Name
- Parent Physical Address
- Parent Email Address
- Student First Name
- Student Last Name
- Student's Date of Birth
- Student(s) Physical Address
- Name of School Student Attends

You will receive confirmation and additional directions from <a href="mailto:portal@paulding.k12.ga.us">portal@paulding.k12.ga.us</a> once your account is activated and you are ready to enroll when the window opens March 15<sup>th</sup>.