



PAULDING VIRTUAL ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Information for Parents & Students - 2021-2022 School Year

The Paulding County School District is excited to announce a new online learning opportunity for elementary school students: The Paulding Virtual Academy: a 100 percent virtual online school. The academic expectations and rigor will mirror face-to-face instruction, and virtual students will have a full school day Monday-Friday. Students will be required to participate in virtual class sessions and utilize an online platform for their daily/weekly assignments and submission of completed work.

Prior to each school year through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, an online registration form will be issued to parents/guardians during an announced window of time. Parents/guardians must register students for PVA during the window to allow schools, teachers, and the district to plan appropriately for the following school year. Please note that parents selecting PVA for their student during the window are committing to virtual instruction for a full school year.

Parents/guardians should be aware that some virtual teachers may not be physically located at the school where their child is districted to attend.

The Paulding Virtual Academy program will provide the following:

- A completely online program facilitated by Paulding County School District teachers;
- Live video conferencing and online classes to be completed at home;
- Opportunities for participation in live tutoring and supportive instruction;
- Access to supportive instruction such as ESOL, ESEP, etc.;
- Encouragement and monitoring to complete assignments as scheduled;
- Parent/teacher communication regarding each student's progress;
- Student grading that is consistent with the Paulding County School District's grading policies. Students/Parents will be able to utilize Infinite Campus Parent Portal to view and monitor student academic progress and grade reports;
- An ability to participate in home middle school (your normal districted middle school) activities which may include feeder sports programs along with before/after school clubs.

Paulding Virtual Academy requirements:

- Enrollment in the program for a minimum of one school year;
- Internet access and appropriate technology device per student enrolled in PVA;
- Access to general school supplies and the ability to print assigned handouts;
- *Parent/Guardian Commitment:* Parents/Students must understand that PVA for middle school students is synchronous, which means that instruction is delivered in real time. A supervising adult for PVA students must ensure that students are online in their courses between the hours of 8:40AM – 3:30PM Monday-Friday and is responsible for ensuring that the student attends each live video conferencing session, stays on-task, follows the daily schedule, behaves appropriately, and completes independent work;
- *Daily Schedule Commitment:* PVA students are **required** to login each day by 8:40AM and be online for all live sessions between 8:40AM and 3:30PM Monday-Friday. Live sessions are not recorded for on-demand participation outside of normal school hours;
- **REQUIRED:** Updated phone numbers and e-mail addresses in IC, a working Parent Portal account, and a working paired Canvas account.

Paulding Virtual Academy student responsibilities:

- Login each morning by 8:40AM;
- Login and participate in all live instruction between 8:40AM-3:30PM (whole class, individual, and small groups);
- Work independently on daily assignments posted by the teacher;
- Participate in Friday classes and/or assigned Friday instructional support sessions and assessments;
- Meet daily/weekly pacing guide expectations, if applicable;
- Participate in online lessons and communicate with teachers through email and video conferences;
- Participate in activities as required by the districted school and PCSD;
- There may be courses that will require students to be on a PCSD campus for proctored local assessments;
- Students will be required to be on a PCSD campus to take required state assessments which may include Georgia Milestone Assessments and End of Course Tests.