



GEORGIA Virtual School



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Special Education

Georgia Virtual School provides accommodations in the online environment for students with an IEP or 504 plan. In order to have accommodations implemented in an online class, Georgia Virtual must receive a current copy of the student's IEP or 504 plan each semester the student enrolls in a Georgia Virtual School class.

Special Education documentation may be faxed by the student's school to (770) 357-3704. Georgia Virtual School staff will work with the local school to determine if placement is appropriate. In some instances, accommodations listed in an IEP are not conducive to the online environment. Click [here](#) to view the special education policies.

Georgia Virtual School does not accept Response to Intervention (RTI) plans. However, our online courses are setup in a way that automatically provides many of the interventions commonly called for in RTI plans. Below are just a few of those interventions:

- monitoring of individual student progress by teacher, facilitator, and parent
- personalized and descriptive feedback for all student work
- opportunities for differentiated instruction based on a variety of learning styles
- one-on-one access to the teacher.

FAQs

Q1. Can students with disabilities participate in Georgia Virtual School courses?

Answer:

Georgia Virtual School will not discriminate against any qualified individual on the basis of disability.

Q2. How does a public school student with disabilities receive services with Georgia Virtual School?

Answer:

It is the responsibility of the local school system to ensure that the system meets all requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504. The current Individualized Education Program or 504 Plan must be provided to Georgia Virtual School by the local school system. Georgia Virtual School will follow all applicable provisions in the IEP or 504 Plan, however there may be some provisions that can not be implemented. In such a case, the local school system must determine whether Georgia Virtual School is an appropriate placement.

Q3. Does a private or homeschool student with disabilities receive services with Georgia Virtual School?

Answer:

Students enrolled with Georgia Virtual School who are private school or homeschool students will be provided with necessary services and accommodations required under Section 504.

Students who have previously been identified as having an impairment, should make Georgia Virtual School aware so necessary steps can be taken to provide services and accommodations.

If a parent of a homeschool or private school student enrolled with Georgia Virtual School feels their child may have a disability, the parent should request that Georgia Virtual School conduct a limited evaluation of the student. To request this limited evaluation, email Sarah.Hewman@doe.k12.ga.us with your contact information, student name, and

any information you can provide about your child's disability.

Q4. How are services determined for private and homeschool students?**Answer:**

Georgia Virtual School, with the consent of the parent, will conduct an evaluation of any student who is believed to need educational accommodations or related services. The evaluation may consist of input from a team drawing information from observations, data, medical records, grades, aptitude and achievement tests, teacher and parental recommendations. The results of the evaluation will determine what accommodations, if any, Georgia Virtual School is able to make for the student.

Q5. Can Hospital Homebound students use Georgia Virtual School?**Answer:**

Georgia Virtual School can be an excellent match for a student who is being served by a hospital/homebound program. Public school students should provide the hospital homebound paperwork from their local public school. Private or homeschool students should provide a doctor's note describing the situation. Documentation should be faxed to 770-357-3704.

*If you have any questions regarding special needs services, please contact sarah.newman@doe.k12.ga.us.