



POLK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Polk Virtual Academy

Polk School District understands that in this time of a global pandemic, there may be students and families that require a virtual learning option in order to protect their health and safety. In response to such situations, Polk School District will provide these students with a virtual learning option through Polk Virtual Academy. Polk Virtual Academy will offer students the opportunity to use teacher supported, technology-based courses to earn new credits or continue coursework in grades 1 – 12. While participating in Polk Virtual Academy, students will be supported by an instructor that will have access to valuable student data to make informed instructional decisions for each individual student.

In order to enroll in Polk Virtual Academy, families must complete an application. Upon approval, Polk School District will issue a Chromebook device for each student that has signed the PSD Technology Agreement. Families enrolling in Polk Virtual Academy must be able to provide reliable internet access for students to be able to successfully complete virtual learning assignments. In order to be counted present, students will be expected to work virtually four to five hours a day, Tuesday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Enrollment in Polk Virtual Academy will be at minimum for one semester.

Polk Virtual Academy students will complete assigned coursework using Odysseyware as the primary platform for learning with additional resources provided through Study Island, IXL, Moby Max, and USA Test Prep. Grades for virtual learning courses will be calculated per the Polk School District grading policy based on assignments completed and progress made in the online learning platform. Virtual Learning instructors will monitor student progress and check-in with students on a weekly basis. Instructors will have daily office hours during which students can contact them for assistance. Students that fall behind in their courses will be required to meet with the Virtual Learning Coordinator and a parent/guardian to develop an instructional plan to address the areas of concern.

As Polk Virtual Academy is an option provided to those students and families with medical concerns, participation in face-to-face school and extra-curricular activities/sports will **NOT** be allowed while enrolled.

Students desiring to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses virtually will be enrolled in Georgia Virtual School (subject to availability) and will use Georgia Virtual School's learning platform for instruction and assignments. Honors courses will not be offered through Polk Virtual Academy. Elective options are limited based on Odysseyware course offerings.

For students with disabilities that participate in Polk Virtual Academy, the IEP team will meet to review the student's IEP and determine the services and supports needed to assist students including related services. Services will be provided based on the recommendations of the IEP team.