



AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT



AGSD ONLINE ACADEMY

*PANDEMIC RESPONSE OPTION
FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR*



INTRODUCTION

The removal of most COVID-19 mitigation strategies as of May 31, 2021 will allow for a full return of students to in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. While this is the goal for all students in Avon Grove School District (AGSD), it is also necessary to consider an online option for students as a continued response to the pandemic and the lingering uncertainty of what a full return will look like.

To meet this need for our community, students may choose to attend the AGSD Online Academy, and commit to remote, online learning for the entire 2021-2022 school year. The AGSD Online Academy is a high-quality solution that aims to provide the same stellar, educational opportunities virtually, while maintaining unity and relationships among our AGSD learning community. Students who select the AGSD Online Academy will be encouraged to participate in all activities and events as those students who are attending school in-person, as well as receive the planned instruction and supports needed to attain the relevant academic standards.

Selecting the AGSD Online Academy for the 2021-2022 school year will maintain access to *our curriculum* delivered by *our educators* and make a future transition back to in-person instruction seamless for each student.

AGSD ONLINE ACADEMY CHANGES FOR 2021-2022

The AGSD Online Academy will provide a synchronous learning environment for students. The expectations for students will be the same as for those students who are attending school in-person. This will include consistency in attendance procedures, daily schedules and assignment submissions. Course offerings for students in grades K-8 will be the same as those who are learning in-person. For students in grades 9-12, a modified catalog of courses will be available, aligned with the core courses most heavily subscribed at Avon Grove High School (AGHS) and the elective courses that are most applicable to a virtual environment. For answers to specific questions, or unique circumstances for your student, please contact the building administration directly.

SCHEDULES

The daily schedule for the AGSD Online Academy will be identical to the corresponding building or grade-level schedule for students attending school in person. This includes daily start and end times, core class meetings, specials, transitions and lunch periods.



Students who are learning through the AGSD Online Academy will only have classes with other AGSD Online Academy students. Students will not be integrated into classrooms or sections with those students who are learning in person.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken daily and during each class meeting. Students are expected to attend class during each scheduled meeting and attendance will be based on each student's visibility during the lesson. (Students who are not visible during a class meeting will be considered absent.) Submission of work after the class meeting will not convert student attendance from "absent" to "present," and all regular procedures for attendance and truancy will be followed.

WORK SUBMISSION

Student submission of work samples and assessments is necessary for teachers to determine when students are making progress or if they need additional assistance or support. Students will submit work as expected and communicated by their teachers, whether during or after a lesson.

Due to the nature and requirements of state or national assessments, students may be required to complete assessments in person, rather than in a remote setting. When this is necessary, the District will communicate the dates and times of each scheduled assessment, as well as the transportation options for students. *Enrollment in the AGSD Online Academy does not excuse students from participation in state-mandated assessments.*



QUALITIES OF A LEARNER

Success in the AGSD Online Academy will mean different things to each student because every student is unique. To grow through this experience and be your best, however, there are some common qualities of online learning that should be considered before making the decision to enroll in the AGSD Online Academy.

To help determine if you may be successful in the Online Academy, reflect on your experiences as an online learner throughout 2020-2021 and consider if you can answer "yes" to the statements below:

- Am I motivated to start learning on my own?
- Can I keep myself organized in a class and throughout a day?
- Do I ask questions and seek out help when I am confused?
- Am I confident in using and learning new skills through technology?
- When I communicate, can I express myself clearly in what I am saying or writing?
- Are my reading skills strong for my age/grade, so I can access the resources and materials prepared by my teacher?
- Do I stay focused on my work and believe I can learn, even when it gets difficult or frustrating?
- Do I have a quiet place to be while attending remote classes ?



ROLE OF A REMOTE LEARNING COACH (PARENT/CAREGIVER)

Students who choose to learn remotely during the 2021-2022 school year will have access to all services and supports as other students in AGSD through school personnel and programs. It is also important that supports are available for students in the location they will be learning. Depending on the age and needs of each student, parents and caregivers will need to be involved in different ways to help each student be their best. This may include:

- Daily support in preparation for learning
- Previewing upcoming assignments
- Troubleshooting technical issues or problems
- Encouraging student to request support or assistance when struggling
- Helping student follow the daily schedule, stay on task and be organized

Just as the qualities of a learner should be analyzed before making a decision for the 2021-2022 school year, the availability of a remote learning coach should also be considered before making the decision to enroll in the AGSD Online Academy.





SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

All AGSD students will have access to supports and services as they are needed, through AGSD's Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) or formalized services for students through Special Education, 504 Accommodations, Gifted Education or the Language Instruction Educational Program. Ongoing assessment of student needs will occur through a variety of processes and will incorporate both academic and social-emotional wellness.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS, CAMERAS & RETURN TO IN-PERSON

AGSD Online Academy students will be expected to follow all components of the student handbook and AGSD policies while enrolled in the AGSD Online Academy. This includes expectations for academic honesty, student and teacher interactions, technology usage and care, as well as other guidelines and requirements. Response to behavior concerns will be consistent with the students learning in-person and will be facilitated through each building's administration. **Students will also be required to turn on their cameras during synchronous classes to confirm attendance and at the request of the teacher at any time during the lesson.** Students who are not meeting expectations for behavior, attendance or academic progress after supports and interventions have been instituted may be required to return to in-person instruction.

COURSE OPTIONS, AVON GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

AGHS will be offering a modified catalog of online courses for the 2021-2022 school year. The available courses will allow for the selection of 7 credits per student in both core academic and elective classes to maintain progress toward graduation requirements. The courses available for students in each grade will be the following:

9th Grade Core Courses	10th Grade Core Courses	11th Grade Core Courses	12th Grade Core Courses
College Prep English 9	College Prep English 10	College Prep English 11	College Prep English 12
College Prep US History	College Prep World History	College Prep Gov/Econ	College Prep Gov/Econ
College Prep Integrated Science	College Prep Chemistry	College Prep Chemistry	College Prep Chemistry
College Prep Biology	College Prep Biology	College Prep Algebra II	College Prep Algebra II
College Prep Algebra I	College Prep Algebra II	College Prep Trig/Precalc.	College Prep Trig/Precalc.
College Prep Geometry	College Prep Geometry		College Prep Calculus



9th Grade Elective Courses	10th Grade Elective Courses	11th Grade Elective Courses	12th Grade Elective Courses
German I	German I	PE 3	PE 4
Italian I	Italian I	Greek & Roman History	Greek & Roman History
PE 1	PE 2	Intro to Computer Science	Intro to Computer Science
Intro. to Computer Science	Intro. to Computer Science	Personal Finance	Personal Finance
Personal Finance	Health	Intro. To Business	Intro. To Business
Intro. To Business	Intro. To Business	Life & Independence	Life & Independence
Life & School	Life & School	Housing & Design	Housing & Design
Housing & Design	Housing & Design	Creative Writing	Creative Writing
		Contemporary Lit.	Contemporary Lit.

For questions in planning for credits and graduation, please contact your student's school counselor or building administrator.

SELECTION PROCESS

The opportunity to enroll in the AGSD Online Academy will be available for all students from May 10 – May 21, 2021. During this time, caregivers will utilize the [2021-2022 Online Academy Selection Form](#) to confirm enrollment in the Online Academy. Once selected and confirmed, students will remain enrolled in the Online Academy for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

Note: Completion of this selection form is necessary for any student selecting the AGSD Online Academy for the 2021-2022 school year. If your student will be returning to in-person attendance for the 2021-2022 school year, you do not need to complete this form.

Once the selection window has closed, courses or grades in which fewer than 15 students have requested enrollment will be evaluated by building and District administration to determine if the online option for that course or grade will remain. In cases where enrollment will not support the offering of a course or grade-level option, parents/caregivers will be contacted by building administration to discuss options or next steps for learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information or to discuss options for your students, please contact the building where your student will be enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year:

Penn London Elementary School (K-2): 610.869.9803

Avon Grove Intermediate School (3-6): 610.869.2010

Fred S. Engle Middle School (7-8): 610.869.3022

Avon Grove High School (9-12): 610.869.2446