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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy (K-5)
Guilford eLearning University Prep (6-8)

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Answers		
<p>1. What is Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy (K-5)/GeVA and eLearning Virtual University Prep (6-8)/GeVUP?</p>	<p>Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy (K-5) is an eLearning environment where teachers use digital tools for teaching and learning to facilitate the learning process, and students are empowered to connect and interact with their peers and instructors online through personalized and distinguished learning paths.</p>	<p>Guilford eLearning University Prep (6-8) is an eLearning environment where teachers use digital tools for teaching and learning to facilitate the learning process, and students are empowered to connect and interact with their peers and instructors online through personalized and distinguished learning paths required for college and careers.</p>
<p>2. What grades are offered?</p>	<p>Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy offers grades K–5 for students who reside within the boundaries of Guilford County Schools.</p>	<p>Guilford eLearning University Prep offers grades 6-8 for students who reside within the boundaries of Guilford County Schools. Students in grades 9-12 can register in the eLearning University Prep Academy program while remaining assigned to their home school.</p>
<p>3. What technology resources are provided to students?</p>	<p>eLearning environments must have the following to be successful; a reliable internet connection and a dedicated device (laptop, iPad, or computer). Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep will provide a loaner device (laptop) upon request to families that meet certain criteria and receive approval.</p>	

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<p>4. What materials does Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy and eLearning Virtual University Prep provide?</p>	<p>eLearning environments are completely online; that means the textbooks and curriculum are digital. Basic school supplies may include journals, pens, highlighters, folders, dividers, calculators, rulers, makers, paper, etc. but are not provided. School lists will be provided for each grade level at the beginning of the school year. Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy (K-5) provides support resources, equipment, and assistive technology.</p>	<p>eLearning environments are completely online; that means the textbooks and curriculum are digital. Basic school supplies may include journals, pens, highlighters, folders, dividers, calculators, rulers, makers, paper, etc. but are not provided. School lists will be provided for each grade level at the beginning of the school year. Guilford eLearning University Prep (6-8) provides support resources, equipment, and assistive technology.</p>
<p>5. What curricula does Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy and eLearning Virtual University Prep use?</p>	<p>In our eLearning environment, a wide range of online courses and curricula are used to meet or exceed state standards by utilizing the district’s scope and sequence for academics. Some of the innovative and engaging digital learning tools include: Canvas, Nearpod, Google Apps, Zearn, ARC cloud, NewsELA, Number Worlds, and Waterford just to name a few. Our digital resources are reviewed annually for effectiveness, rigor, equity, and relevancy based on our ever-evolving educational advances.</p>	
<p>6. Does Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy and eLearning Virtual University Prep charge tuition?</p>	<p>There is no charge to attend; the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep is 100% FREE.</p>	

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<p>7. Does GeVA & GeVUP provide special education services?</p>	<p>Yes, students with disabilities who qualify for Special Education Services can receive a free appropriate education (FAPE) based on the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504, or English as a Second Language (ESL)—should be English Language Learners (ELL)) plan. Our eLearning environments deliver feasible special education programming and related services in the least restrictive environment, as determined by the student’s IEP team. Students that desire to enroll and accepted will need to have an updated IEP meeting at their home school before applying to ensure that the modifications and accommodations are accessible, and the eLearning environment is the best fit for that needs of that student.</p>
<p>8. What opportunities for social engagement are provided?</p>	<p>The Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep will be able to participate in virtual fieldtrips, live extracurricular clubs, online mentorship, virtual business/industry and college tours, live streaming events with peers, teachers, and guest speakers, and video channeling opportunities.</p>
<p>9. Do students have live interaction with teachers?</p>	<p>Yes; the eLearning staff consists of certified teachers, counselors, and the principal. The eLearning environment will be both synchronous; live and real-time instruction with a teacher based on the predetermined schedule, and asynchronous; instruction is pre-recorded, and students can access at any time based on the best time for learners, and parents as learning coaches.</p>
<p>10. Does classwork have to be completed during the traditional school day?</p>	<p>Yes; classes start and end with flexible scheduling options and students have a load of no more than six courses at one time. Teachers are available during scheduled class times, check-ins, and designated online office hours. Student have the option complete assignments outside of the traditional school day.</p>
<p>11. How is attendance counted?</p>	<p>Attendance is taken and counted daily by the instructor to monitor student participation, engagement, and proficiency based on the current number of 185 instructional days.</p>
<p>12. How do I register?</p>	<p>Interested in learning at the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep? The enrollment process is easy as 1-2-3; click below: Virtual School Registration Information</p>

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<p>13. Can a student also participate in dual enrollment?</p>	<p>Yes; students in grades 9-12 who are eligible, apply and meet/exceed all college entrance assessments for dual enrollment will be able to attain college credits before graduating high school, jump starting college and career plans.</p>	
<p>14. How many hours per day will my student participate in school?</p>	<p>Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy students will engage online for approximately 6 hours with flexible pacing.</p>	<p>Guilford eLearning University Prep students will engage online for approximately 6 hours with flexible pacing.</p>
<p>15. Is GeVA & GeVUP content self-paced?</p>	<p>Yes; students registered in the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep will follow a Guilford County Schools pacing guide with flexibility to learn and succeed.</p>	
<p>16. What is the grading policy?</p>	<p>The Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep grading policy is in the Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook for Guilford County Schools and information on the grading policy. GCS Parent/Student Handbook</p>	
<p>17. Does GeVA & GeVUP hold graduation, moving on, or commencement ceremonies?</p>	<p>Yes; the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep will hold traditional or nontraditional (drive-through) commencement exercises based on the academic year for various grade levels.</p>	
<p>18. Are GeVA & GeVUP students required to participate in state testing?</p>	<p>Yes; students who attend public schools in North Carolina are required by law to take state-mandated tests; and any additional local tests as required based on student needs.</p>	
<p>19. Does GeVA & GeVUP participate in the Title I Program?</p>	<p>Yes; if the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep meets the required status for Title I, they will be included in the Title I program.</p>	

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<p>20. Does GeVA & GeVUP provide services for displaced students?</p>	<p>All school aged children that reside inside the Guilford County limits are eligible to apply to the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep.</p>
<p>21. How do parents support their child in an eLearning environment?</p>	<p>At the Guilford eLearning Virtual Academy/ Guilford eLearning University Prep, parents/guardians serve as a learning coach; monitoring engagement, providing a welcoming workspace, ensuring connectivity is accessible, and supporting learning while championing your child’s progress and achievements.</p>
<p>22. Can a student transfer back to a traditional, magnet or high school options program?</p>	<p>Yes; students will not lose their seat and may return to their home or choice school at the end of the semester or end of the school year.</p>
<p>23. Can a student withdraw from the virtual school and go back to their home school at any time?</p>	<p>Students will only be able to transfer schools at the end of the year or the end of the semester. The virtual schools are for families making a long-term commitment to online learning. Students who will be successful in these schools have the discipline to devote themselves to learning at home by engaging instruction in a virtual environment. Learning will be a mix of live lessons from GCS teachers and staff, similar to a classroom environment, and independent study, allowing for a flexible student schedule.</p>

More Questions?

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