

The Benefits of Online Learning

Gwinnett Online Campus offers a unique online experience! Students have the flexibility to set their own schedules and have access to courses at any time during the week. Students enrolled in **Gwinnett Online Campus** courses will receive schedules which outline daily requirements, deadlines, and any scheduled online CLASS sessions. A wide range of multi-media tools are used to deliver instruction, present content, and provide interaction. Students use these same technical tools to complete assignments and projects while mastering 21st century skills.

A recent study by the US Department of Education found that, on average, students in online or blended courses performed better on all types of assessments than those taking the same courses through traditional face-to-face instruction.

Research shows that, compared to students in a traditional classroom, online courses have pointed to improving student's skills in critical thinking, technology use, independent learning, problem solving, creative thinking, decision making, time management, and research.

Each course can be tailored to students with remediation or enrichment needs. This allows students the opportunity to review certain concepts multiple times, or work through the material at a faster pace according to their individual learning needs. Students taking online courses report that they receive more individual attention and feedback from their teachers than they did in a traditional classroom.

Characteristics of Successful Online Learners

In general, a student who is successful in an online learning environment –

- ❖ is able to stay on task
- ❖ reaches out for help when needed and communicates with his or her teachers
- ❖ organizes his or her work and time effectively
- ❖ maintains a study area with reliable Internet access
- ❖ has a parent/guardian who supports and checks on his or her progress on a daily/weekly basis – (depending upon the needs and age of the student)
- ❖ requires less direct supervision
- ❖ enjoys working with technology
- ❖ uses e-mail, instant messaging, Internet browsers, and different types of software
- ❖ asks questions and desires to learn new things
- ❖ is comfortable working independently
- ❖ completes assignments in a flexible setting