

South Gwinnett High School Digital Learning Information Fall 2020



On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, SGHS will kick-off its first year with all students engaged in Digital Learning! Our faculty and staff are committed to the success of all our students, and we are looking forward to an exceptional and unique learning experience for all students. We have continued to improve our structure, process, expectations, and practices over the summer, and these improvements will help us meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. Please know that while we are thrilled to welcome over 2,500 students this year, we are more excited about the personalized and unique learning experiences that we will offer each student this year!

Schedule



SGHS will follow the bell schedule sequence provided below beginning August 17, 2020. To ensure students are familiar with the sequence and their teachers, students will follow the Monday/Tuesday/Friday period schedule on August 12-14, 2020. Students will not have to sit at their computers all day every day, but students should expect to participate regularly in each class for 30 – 90 minutes. Students should log in to each teacher's eCLASS page at the beginning of each period daily.

South Gwinnett High School Digital Bell Schedule 2020-2021

A	B	C
Monday/Tuesday/Friday 7 Periods 50 Minute Classes	Wednesday 4 Periods 90 Minute Classes	Thursday 4 Periods 90 Minute Classes
1st Period 7:30 – 8:25 <small>Morning Announcement-7:30-7:35</small> 2nd Period 8:30 – 9:20	1st Period 7:30 – 9:05 <small>Morning Announcement-7:30-7:35</small> 2nd Period 9:10 – 10:40	3rd Period 7:30 – 9:05 <small>Morning Announcement-7:30-7:35</small> 8th Period 9:10 – 10:40
3rd Period 9:25 – 10:15	5th Period 10:45 – 12:15	4th Period 10:45 – 12:15
4th Period 10:20 – 11:10	Lunch 12:15– 12:55	Lunch 12:15– 12:55
Lunch 11:10 – 11:45	6th Period 1:00 – 2:30	7th Period 1:00 – 2:30
5th Period 11:50 – 12:40		
6th Period 12:45 – 1:35		
7th Period 1:40 – 2:30		
<small>*Fridays will serve as Flex Days.</small>		

Digital Learning at a Glance

While digital learning presents certain challenges, it also offers unique opportunities for personalization and application of knowledge and skills. As we plan forward for the start of the year, parents and students can expect the following learning experiences during the Fall semester:

- Teachers will use synchronous (Live) teaching and asynchronous (Recorded) teaching.
- All students will engage in project and problem based learning both in groups and independently.
- Students will have to regularly solve problems, present solutions, and write extensively.
- Students in paired courses (Alg I & Strategies) will experience integrated courses and assignments may be graded in both courses.
- Students may be asked by teachers to participate in small groups, and these are not optional.
- Teachers will be available afterschool from 2:30 – 3:00 by appointment.
- Students that do not participate risk disciplinary consequences and/or academic failure.

Virtual Open House

Students will be able to view introductory videos and submit questions virtually on Monday, August 10th, 2020.

- Look out for additional emails from SGHS and check our website for more information as we approach Monday, August 10, 2020.

Parent Support

Parenting is hard, and as educational experiences have improved it is sometimes harder for parents to support students today than it was a few years ago. Please know our faculty and staff are here for you and your student.

- Be on the lookout for Parent Seminars and emails with information to help you and your student.
- The updated GCPS Parent Portal, rolling out in August, will make it easier for parents to see assignments, including missing ones. It also will allow parents to access student information, including grade book data, discipline, report cards, transcripts, calendars, and more.
- Our Parent Instructional Support Coordinator, Ms. Credle, is available to address any questions or concerns via email at Marcia.Credle@gcpsk12.org.

Device and Technology Check-Out

To ensure our comets are equipped with the proper tools to be successful at digital learning, SGHS will checkout technology to assist.

- Please use the QR Code below to complete the Digital Learning Information form to request technology to checkout for your student if needed.
- We will begin checking out technology to students in early August, so please watch out for a follow-up email with more information.



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. What will digital learning look like in the Fall of 2020?

Teachers will provide both live (synchronous) and recorded (asynchronous) lessons and independent work. This means that students will be required to participate in digital learning beginning at 7:30 AM each day. Students should plan to both follow the schedule with their teachers (synchronous learning), and also complete activities and assignments (asynchronous learning) on their own time to meet assignment deadlines.

2. How will grades be calculated?

All digital courses will have the same grading policies and practices as the in person version of the course. Each week, there will be at least one graded assignment included in the gradebook. The grading will NOT be like last spring.

3. Will attendance be taken during digital learning classes?

Yes, attendance will be taken daily.

4. Is the student code of conduct still in effect for remote students?

The student discipline code of conduct is still applicable for students during digital learning.

5. Does that mean students will be expected to be in front of a computer for six-plus hours a day?

It is not likely that students would be online in live classes the entire school day. However, since teachers will be at their schools during school hours it is safe to assume most digital instruction will occur during that time. Based on feedback from the spring, we are encouraging teachers to conduct more live (synchronous) lessons. Platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams may be used for these sessions. Other assignments may include other recorded videos or independent work, which can be done any time during the day. We believe the use of a variety of instructional methods will be best for students; however, teachers will not be expected to continue instruction after school hours.

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