Greenville County Virtual Program 2018-2019
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All GCVSP courses are HIGH school courses which award one unit of high school credit in most cases. All courses satisfy requirements for a South Carolina HS Diploma. Given that these are HS courses, they fall under HS attendance and grading parameters dictated by the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy.

Middle School students may access online courses through GCVSP in two ways:

1. Many middle schools "embed" online classes in their master schedule. These include, but are not limited to, Cyber Citizenship, Physical Education 1, Creative Writing, Digital Desktop Publishing, Sports Entertain/Marketing, Fundamentals of Computing, Google Basics, MultiMedia Basics, Personal Finance, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Graphic Design, World Geography Honors, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors and English 1 Honors.
   - Students go to the computer lab or any designated space during a scheduled time each day and do the majority of work via this lab experience. All courses are Chromebook friendly, so a lunch room or library is fine if the students are one-to-one. The online course instructor is the GCVSP teacher but a school "facilitator" is assigned to the lab by the school to monitor students and take attendance.
   - Students need some access to a computer and the Internet outside of school to finish assignments.
   - These classes begin and end with the regular district calendar schedule.
   - They are free to the student.
   - All courses require a Final exam which counts 20% of the final grade. GCVSP uses non-traditional, project based final exams that do not require a face-to-face proctored session.

Check with your middle school to see if they participate and host an "embedded" class.

2. Middle school students may take any high school course in the GCVSP catalog upon approval by their middle school counselor. Course descriptions, computer system requirements, registration information, fees and course start and end dates are on the GCVSP website: www.gcsvirtual.com
   - GCVSP courses are aligned with the district school calendar.
   - Fees for courses taken for the first time are determined by your "lunch" status.
     - Full lunch = $125.00 per course
     - Reduced lunch = $63.00 per course
     - Free lunch = $25.00 per course
   - Fees for courses that are being repeated cost $125.00 per course.
   - All courses require a Final exam. Final Exams with GCVSP are project based and do not require a face-to-face proctored session.
   - Students need access to a computer that meets system requirements and consistent, reliable Internet access.
   - Registration begins 6 weeks before the semester start date and is through the home school counselor. Fees for courses must be submitted by the published due date.

Please feel free to explore the website and to contact Laura for information.