

Download, Print and Sign. Take to your Guidance Counselor when requesting to enroll in a GCVSP course.



Greenville County Virtual School Program Code of Conduct

Although our classroom environment is virtual (online), the standards of behavior are as important as they are in brick and mortar schools. In other words, our virtual classrooms are “real” classrooms with “real” teachers; therefore, appropriate student behavior is expected. To ensure that all GCVSP students understand how to behave in an online environment, we have developed a CODE OF CONDUCT that all students are required to follow. It is the companion to the GCS e-Learning Acceptable Use Policy. Students are to download, print and sign both documents and then take to their guidance counselor when requesting enrollment in an online course. Parent signatures are also required.

Violation of the policies within this Code of Conduct may result in the following: the student is removed from the class; a failing grade is awarded; no refund of the fee; student is prohibited from taking future online classes; and possible other disciplinary or legal action. The integrity and authenticity of student work is something that we take seriously and check using a variety of technologies.

Intellectual Integrity/Honesty (Penalties for infractions are described above)

1. Cutting, copying or plagiarizing Internet content, content from print sources, or the work of other online classmates is considered a violation of this Code of Conduct. In addition, allowing others to knowingly copy your work, and/or misusing content from the Internet are considered violations of this Code of Conduct.
2. Having someone other than yourself, including a parent, tutor, or friend, complete part of or all of your work including quizzes or tests is considered a violation of this Code of Conduct.
3. Collaboration (working with) other students on your assignments unless you are directed to do so by your online teacher is considered a violation of this Code of Conduct. Working together is useful in the traditional classroom, but is not permitted in our online environment without specific teacher instructions to do so.

Appropriate Use of the Internet (see GCS Acceptable Use Policy for more detail)

1. GCVSP students are subject to all local, state, and federal laws governing the Internet. Consequently, program administrators will cooperate fully with local, state, federal officials in any investigation related to illegal activities conducted through Internet access.
2. In the event there is a claim that a student has violated this policy, he/she will be notified of the suspected violation and given an opportunity to present an explanation.

Interaction with Others

1. When emailing or talking with the online teacher, students should address all GCVSP faculty and staff members in a polite and courteous manner appropriate for education professionals. They are to use both the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Dr.) and last name only. No other form of address is acceptable when communicating with the online teacher. **All communication must be in Standard English. (no text-ese, profanity or slang)**
2. Students should phrase communications with GCVSP faculty and staff in a polite and courteous manner appropriate for speaking to adults. The tone of emails and phone conversations should be respectful.
3. Since our online environment is a learning environment, students should not use excessive “slang” or language they might use in phone text messages. Students should communicate with teachers in complete sentences.
4. All communications with other students enrolled in the GCVSP class must be of a course-related nature. Any sending of unsolicited email to other GCVSP online classmates is prohibited.
5. All communications with other students in any forum, whether course-related email, discussion posts, etc., must be polite, courteous and respectful. **All communication must be in Standard English.**
6. Students are not to use obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language, images or video in any communications with GCVSP staff. These actions are illegal.
7. GCS students may only use their GCS Student Email Address when corresponding with GCVSP Faculty.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____