

# Distance Learning Fall 2020

## GOOCHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We will open the 2020-21 academic year on Monday, August 24, delivering full-time distance learning to all students. Our distance learning model will provide students in grades PK-12 with live, real-time (synchronous) direct instruction from their teachers and independent (asynchronous) learning opportunities every day, Monday through Friday.



Students will need a reliable internet connection in order to fully participate in our distance learning program. Most students will participate from home. For students without reliable internet service or for families experiencing a hardship, we will provide an opportunity for students to access their distance learning at school. This service will include transportation, our breakfast/lunch program, reliable internet service, and supervision from GCPS team members on-site at each of our five schools. If you would like to request this “distance learning at-school” option for your child, please **complete this application** by 5PM on Monday, August 10. (Families must adhere to the measures of [our division’s health plan](#) in order to participate in distance learning at school.)

Attendance in daily synchronous instructional sessions is required, and student work will be graded. State and local testing like PALS (PK-3), MAP (1-12), and SOL tests (3-12) will continue, though may be modified to adjust to a remote environment. Middle and high school students will participate in their full schedule of courses. High school students participating in advanced programs that include college coursework (Advance College Academy and Blue Ridge Virtual Governor’s School) will still be able to do so. Our distance learning model meets or exceeds all VDOE graduation requirements.

At the core of our distance learning model will be direct, synchronous instruction delivered daily by students’ teachers. Additional learning opportunities will include guided practice, independent reinforcement, and collaborative work. Additional instruction and specialized services from our “English for Speakers of Other Languages”(ESOL) teachers, special education teachers, gifted resource teachers, and other support professionals will be delivered to qualifying students.

Our distance learning model will rely on the proven success of our 1-to-1 student computing program and will leverage tools like Seesaw (PK-3), Schoology (4-12), and Google (PK-12). Additionally, teachers will have access to Virtual Virginia, the Commonwealth’s ever-expanding resource for distance learning.

### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

#### Homework Hotline

*Grade level and core content team members will be available for live instructional support by phone/computer from 6:00-8:00PM, Mon-Thur.*

#### Tech Support

*Technology team members will be available for live tech support by phone/computer from 8:00-8:30AM, Mon-Thur, and 6:00-8:00PM every Mon.*

#### Social Emotional Support

*School counselors, school psychologists, and our mental health counselor will be available for live support by phone/computer from 8:00-8:30AM, Mon-Thur, and 6:00-8:00PM every Mon.*

# INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN SNAPSHOT

## ELEMENTARY DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

*Synchronous = Live, Real-Time, Teacher-Directed*

### PRESCHOOL

8:30-9:15, Synchronous Morning Meeting & Read Aloud  
9:30-10:00, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 1  
10:30-11:00, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 2  
11:30-12:00, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 3

1:00-3:30, Asynchronous Choice Board Activities, Parent Consultation, Virtual Home Visits, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library Lessons (*Opt-In*) [Schools will provide further details about these afternoon opportunities.]

Social emotional learning activities and school counselor lessons will be included within weekly instruction.

### KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

8:30-9:15, Synchronous Morning Meeting & Read Aloud  
9:30-10:15, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 1  
10:30-11:15, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 2  
11:30-12:00, Intervention & Enrichment

1:00-3:30, Asynchronous Choice Board Activities, Parent Consultation, Virtual Home Visits, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library Lessons (*Opt-In*) [Schools will provide further details about these afternoon opportunities.]

Social emotional learning activities and school counselor lessons will be included within weekly instruction.

### GRADES 2 & 3

8:30-9:00, Synchronous Whole Group Morning Meeting  
9:00-9:30, Synchronous Whole Group Instruction  
9:45-10:30, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 1  
10:45-11:30, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 2  
11:45-12:15, Intervention & Enrichment

1:15-3:30, Asynchronous Learning Activities, Parent Consultation, Virtual Home Visits, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library Lessons (*Opt-In*) [Schools will provide further details about these afternoon opportunities.]

Social emotional learning activities and school counselor lessons will be included within weekly instruction.

*Note: Grade 3 Advanced Math, 10:45-11:30*

### GRADES 4 & 5

8:30-8:45, Synchronous Whole Group Morning Meeting  
8:45-9:30, Synchronous Whole Group Instruction  
9:45-10:30, Synchronous Whole Group Instruction  
10:45-11:30, Synchronous Whole Group Instruction  
11:45-12:15, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 1  
12:15-12:45, Synchronous Small Group Instruction - Group 2

1:45-3:30, Asynchronous Learning Activities, Intervention & Enrichment, Parent Consultation, Virtual Home Visits, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library Lessons (*Opt-In*) [Schools will provide further details about these afternoon opportunities.]

Social emotional learning activities and school counselor lessons will be included within weekly instruction.

*Note: Grade 4 Advanced Math, 8:45-9:30; Grade 5 Advanced Math, 9:45-10:30*

## SECONDARY DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

*Synchronous = Live, Real-Time, Teacher-Directed*

### GRADES 6-12

8:30-9:15, Block 1 Synchronous Instruction  
9:30-10:15, Block 2 Synchronous Instruction  
10:30-11:15, Block 3 Synchronous Instruction  
11:30-12:15, Block 4 Synchronous Instruction

1:00-1:25, Block 1 Synchronous Support (*Opt-In*)  
1:30-1:55, Block 2 Synchronous Support (*Opt-In*)  
2:00-2:25, Block 3 Synchronous Support (*Opt-In*)  
2:30-2:55, Block 4 Synchronous Support (*Opt-In*)  
3:00-3:30, General Office Hours (*Opt-In*)

1:15-3:30, Asynchronous Learning Activities, Homework, Student/Parent Consultation, School Counselor Availability, Virtual Clubs [Schools will provide further details about these afternoon opportunities.]

Goochland Middle School and Goochland High School will deliver distance learning per their 2020-21 Day 1/Day 2 school calendar. Social emotional support for students will be available daily.

Please visit <http://goochlandschools.org> for the most up to date information related to our reopening plans.