

Greene County Tech Virtual Learning Academy Contract 2020-2021

Parents/Guardians:

To help ensure students continue learning, the Greene County Tech School District (GCT) partnered with the Arkansas Public Resource Center (ASPRC) to provide full time, virtual learning for 2020-2021. This partnership means students have access to online instruction delivered by a GCT teacher. Virtual learning may be new to the students, and the following GCTVLA contract will offer some structure and support.

Virtual Learning Basics:

What do I need to know about online learning?

1. Know when and how often students should log in during the day and if he/she needs to be online at a specific time for live, teacher led discussions, conferences or zooms.
2. Make sure the student is aware of the requirements and expectations for virtual learning.
3. Meet the teachers in the GCTVLA and find out times they are available for student support.
4. Ask your child's teachers about options for extra help
5. Learn how to contact the GCTVLA for technical support and assistance

What are some tips for preparing students to work from home?

1. Designate a comfortable place free from distractions as a work area for the student.
2. Offer structure, such as focus time, to increase engagement and promote progress.
3. Schedule time with virtual teachers for additional help as needed.
4. Ensure your student has access to the internet and a charged device, such as a laptop, or mobile phone.
5. Consult with GCTVLA staff if you need assistance with the student device.
6. Check in with student throughout virtual sessions to ensure he/she is actively working and learning and offer help, if needed.
7. Print assignments, if needed to reduce screen time for the student.

At Home Support for Virtual Learning

The following questions may help students understand that you are invested in their education and that even though virtual learning is different from on-site learning, they are still expected to be actively engaged and learning.

Avoid asking questions with a “yes” or a “no” answer. Ask questions or make comments that encourage students to reflect on learning:

- 1) What did your learning focus on today?
- 2) Share one or two questions about what you learned today or yesterday
- 3) What did you accomplish today? What work did you do?
- 4) What was challenging today? How did you overcome the challenge?
- 5) What was easy for you today?
- 6) What did you like best about your lessons today? What was most fun?
- 7) How will you apply what you learned and/or what personal connections will you make to your learning?

For all learners, especially younger students, the parent/guardians should frequently monitor student learning and offer assistance, as needed. If you have questions or cannot offer assistance to your student, contact the GCTVLA teachers for assistance.

GCT is committed to support the students enrolled in the GCTVLA and even though students may not be physically attending school every day, we will make every attempt to ensure they receive a high-quality and engaging education that moves students forward in learning. We appreciate your continued support in these changing educational times.

Student/Parent/ District Virtual Learning Academy Contract

Student agrees to the following:

1. Stay organized and manage time carefully
2. Establish a regular, uninterrupted work time each day limiting distractions such as video games and television.
3. Complete all assignments on time and submit them as directed.
4. Immediately contact the GCTVLA teachers, when encountering a problem or have a concern.
5. Respond to teacher emails in a timely manner.
6. Attend all orientation sessions and student conferences as necessary (onsite or on line).
7. Take all required state and District assessments on site at the scheduled times.

Parent agrees to the following:

1. Designate a comfortable place free from distractions as a work area for my child.
2. Ensure my child is completing all required assignments and submitting them to the teacher in a timely manner
3. Contact my child's teacher, as soon as possible when a problem is encountered.
4. Will respond to teacher emails in a timely manner.
5. Ensure my child does not go longer than 3 consecutive days without logging in. After 3 consecutive days, I will email my child's teacher.
6. Sign up for any parent portal available to receive updates concerning my child's online courses.
7. Attend all parent orientation sessions and parent teacher conferences (onsite, or online).

District agrees to the following:

- 1) District will enroll students into their digital courses
- 2) District will provide students with a GCTVLA teacher, who will receive updates on the student.
- 3) GCTVLA staff will conduct orientation sessions for parents and students.
- 4) GCTVLA staff will schedule times for students to take state and District assessments on site at scheduled times.
- 5) GCTVLA staff will post grades assigned by the digital teacher to eschool.
- 6) Ensure parents/guardians and students have email and phone numbers of someone to access for issues between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grade: _____

Building: _____