

Catoosa Virtual Academy - FAQs

Q - What programs are being used for virtual instruction? Edgenuity (grades 6-12) and Pathblazer (grades K-5) will provide the direct instruction and Catoosa Public Schools teachers will provide timelines, oversight, support, tutoring, etc. Canvas, an online platform, will be used for communication, guidance, and instruction in academic subjects not provided through Edgenuity and/or Pathblazer. In addition, Exact Path and other intervention and enrichment programs will be used based on guidance from the CPS certified teacher.

Q - What kind of interaction will there be between my student and the CPS certified teachers? Teachers can see everything the student is working on in Edgenuity and Pathblazer. Through video conferencing (Zoom) and live chat (Canvas), teachers can interact with students to ensure they understand difficult concepts. In addition, email will provide ongoing communication. Teachers will be available between 8:00-3:30 p.m. daily and will respond to emails within 24 hours.

Q - Will there be any live instruction? Direct instruction will be provided within the Edgenuity and Pathblazer online courses. These online programs have certified teachers that provide video instruction. This system allows students to progress independently through each course at their own pace, place and time. CPS certified teachers are able to easily monitor student performance and achievement. In addition, CPS certified teachers will provide some direct instruction in courses not available in Edgenuity or Pathblazer and for advocacy and ICAP.

Q - What curriculum will be used? Edgenuity and Pathblaze are aligned to Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS) and include English, math, social studies, science, and electives. Other programs used (Exact Path, Reading Eggs, Khan Academy, etc.) provide support for meeting the OAS. Curriculum through Canvas will be designed by our CPS teachers and will also be aligned to the OAS.

Q - Will students who are online be doing the same work as students in the classroom? Students will be working on the same standards as students in the classroom, it will not be exactly the same.

Q - What is the best way to get in touch with my child's virtual teacher? School Email, Remind or Canvas will be the best way to reach your child's assigned virtual teacher. Your child's virtual teacher will be available from 8:00-3:30 each day. They will be working with other students and designing lessons so they may not be available at the moment you send an email or message; however, they are expected to reply within 24 hours of receiving your email or message. There are some exceptions to this: holidays, scheduled school breaks, and weekends.

Q - Can virtual students participate in extracurricular school activities? For OSSAA sanctioned events, students must attend class in person one hour per day. For non OSSAA events, virtual students may attend. All students must be "eligible" with grades and attendance to attend activities.

Q - Where do I go if I am having issues with my computer or iPad? If you are having trouble, email our tech team at techsupport@catoosa.k12.ok.us. Make sure to put your child's grade in the subject line. The tech department will make an appointment to meet with you and get your device working.

Q - What if my child is on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504? Students with disabilities on a Section 504 Accommodation Plan or on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) can participate in virtual learning. Parents will need to meet (in-person or virtually) with their school's team to determine which virtual program is the best placement for their student. Contact Paula Haueter, special education director, for more information phaueter@catoosa.k12.ok.us

Q - If my child is part of the Gifted program will they receive enrichment? Students who are in the Gifted Program will have the opportunity for accelerated and individualized learning. Since virtual learning instruction makes one-on-one learning possible, the student may accelerate the pace of classes to meet their needs.

Q - How do I login to my Macbook? Each student has been provided with an email address and password to login. If you need further assistance, please contact your virtual school teacher through the teacher's school email or the tech department at cpstech@catoosa.k12.ok.us. Make sure to put your child's GRADE in the subject line.

Q - What if my child needs help with their class? Contact your child's virtual teacher via email. If the teacher determines that a Zoom meeting is required for tutoring/support, a time will be arranged to meet virtually. In-person meetings will also be available weekly.

Q - Can I work beyond my targeted completion? Yes, students may work ahead but will have content for the

entire semester.

Q - How long are virtual classes each day? Daily Time Commitment expectations:

- K-2: 60-120 minutes online, 60-120 minutes working on their own (must have adult support)
- 3-5: 30-40 minutes per subject/day, 60-120 minutes working on their own (must have adult support)
- 6-8: 30-60 minutes per subject/day, 60-120 minutes working on their own (some adult support needed)
- 9-12 30-60 minutes per subject/day, 60-120 minutes working on their own (some adult support needed)

Q - What if I do not finish my Virtual class by the due date? Virtual classes are on the same academic calendar as all classes at CPS and will end prior to semester end dates. If classes are not finished, the student will not receive a passing grade.

Q - How is attendance taken for virtual students? Attendance will be monitored through the virtual school curriculum platform along with weekly parent/teacher Zoom Meetings. Phone calls and emails will be accepted as acceptable check-ins with teachers if you cannot attend the Zoomt.

Q - How do I get all the programs needed to work on my home computer or iPad? Contact our tech department at cpstech@catoosa.k12.ok.us Make sure to put your child's GRADE in the subject line.

Q - How do I join a Zoom Meeting? You will receive an email with a link to the Zoom meeting. You click on the link to open the meeting portal.

Q - Will my student have to report to school to take tests and quizzes? For tests requiring face-to-face assessment, families will schedule a time to meet with the teacher/test administrator during the District's defined assessment windows. Many virtual class tests and quizzes can be taken at home.

Q - How will English Language Learners needs be met? Specific guidance and pacing will need to be outlined by the teacher and the English Language Director, Paula Haueter, to ensure the student is continuing to receive the necessary services for academic success. The virtual programs will provide assistance for EL Learners.

Q - How will my students' grades be accessible? You will have access to your students' daily and weekly grades through the parent portal in Edgenuity or Pathblazer. Your students' grades will be imported into our Wengage student information system at the conclusion of each 9 weeks quarter.