



2018 Summer Learning Opportunities for Rising 9th Graders

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Rising 9th graders may register for Health and Personal Fitness (PE) only. Both classes are required for graduation. Students may choose to take these classes in the summer to make room for electives in their regular schedule.

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) offers high school students three ways to learn for credit this summer.

- **Gwinnett Online Campus 2018 Summer Session.** Register online at www.mypaymentsplus.com between **Feb. 15 and June 3**. See inside for frequently asked questions, and find course information for the online courses on the back page.
- **GCPS' 2018 High School Summer School** offers Health and Personal Fitness at **Discovery High** in a face-to-face format. Online registration will be held **March 15–June 4**. Go to www.gcpssummerschool.com for more information and register at www.mypaymentsplus.com. Register in person on **June 4** at **Discovery High**. Find frequently asked questions inside.
- **Community Schools, housed in GCPS high schools,** also offer Health and PE to rising 9th graders. Please contact your local Community School for details on registration, fees, and course dates.

Important information for face-to-face summer school and Online Campus students...

- Transportation is not provided for face-to-face summer school classes or for the face-to-face sessions required for Online Campus courses.
- Note: Online Campus has limited spaces for Personal Fitness (PE), so register early to ensure a space.
- All tuition fees are due at the time of registration.
- Face-to-face and Online Campus classes meet on a Monday-to-Friday schedule.

Find out more about summer learning on the school system website.

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Frequently Asked Questions

The online summer session is four weeks long and allows students to work at the time of day in which they learn the best and that best fits their schedule. Although the courses offer flexibility, they are not self-paced. Students have teacher-directed deadlines, due dates, and examinations. Below, see

frequently asked questions and answers about Gwinnett Online Campus (GOC). Read about face-to-face summer classes for rising 9th graders on the facing page. *For additional questions, see the website.*

What are the important dates for rising 9th graders participating in the GOC summer session?

- **Feb. 15–June 3: Register and pay for classes (online only)**
- **June 7 or June 11:** Mandatory fitness pre-test for PE at GOC.
- **June 11:** Students may access their online course through the **Logins** tab at www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com in the **Desire2Learn** login area. Students will use their GCPS student ID number for both their username and password. Once logged in, students will click on the course title to enter the session homeroom.
- **June 11–July 2: *Session Dates for PE***, with mandatory face-to-face class and fitness pre-test (**June 7 or June 11**) and mandatory face-to-face final exam and fitness post-test (**July 2**).
- **June 11–July 2: *Session Dates for Health***, with mandatory face-to-face final exam (**July 2**).

GOC is located at 713 Hi Hope Road in Lawrenceville.

How do I register and pay for online classes?

Register online at www.mypaymentsplus.com under the **GOC Online Summer Session** section between **Feb. 15 and June 3**. Online Campus only accepts payment by MasterCard/VISA prepaid, debit, or credit card; or by electronic check. Online Campus does not accept cash or personal checks. All GOC registration is handled online.

What is the cost of an Online Campus course?

Online summer courses for rising 9th graders— PE and Health— are **\$250** per course.

What online classes can rising 9th graders take?

You may register for Health and for Personal Fitness (PE). See the back page for details on mandatory face-to-face sessions for PE and health classes. **Online Campus has limited spaces for PE. However, PE also is offered in face-to-face summer school and through Community Schools.**

What if I want to withdraw and receive a refund?

With parental approval, students can drop courses up until the posted **first day of class**. To request a refund, go to the GOC website and click on the “**Request a Refund**” link under the **Programs-Summer** tab. No refunds will be given if requested after the posted first day of class.

Do I have to log in to my course every day?

Yes, you will need to log in each day during the school week (Monday through Friday) during the entire summer session. An online course requires 16–20 hours a week per course during the shorter, more intensive summer classes. **NOTE:** The PE and health classes open to rising 9th graders require face-to-face sessions, as indicated in the gray box on the back of the brochure. These sessions are mandatory.

What is an online class like? How are the health and PE courses structured online?

Online courses offer flexibility with summer schedules because the content is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An online class is similar to a face-to-face class in the following ways. There is a teacher. You have lessons. You have homework, due dates, class discussions, and tests. Students may “attend” class at any time of the day, but are expected to log in every class day, Monday through Friday, during the summer session. Most work is completed online, with the exception of the fitness pre- and post-tests in PE, and final exams. Students also are expected to log in during course-specific Adobe Connect sessions for live, online instruction. Teachers will communicate through phone, email, and course feedback. For more information, see the demo course available **under the Programs-Summer** tab and additional information about courses on the **Departments** tab.

Face-to-Face Summer School Frequently Asked Questions

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Where are summer school classes held?

During the summer session, Health and Personal Fitness are offered at **Discovery High**, located at 1335 Old Norcross Rd. in Lawrenceville.

What face-to-face classes can rising 9th graders take?

You may register for Health and for Personal Fitness (PE). See the top of the back page for more information about these courses.

How much do summer face-to-face classes cost?

These classes cost \$250 each for current GCPS students. Out-of-county residents and non-GCPS students pay \$275 for each single-semester class. (Out-of-county residents and non-GCPS students must register in-person at **Discovery High on June 4.**)

How do I register and pay for face-to-face classes?

For current GCPS students paying by electronic check or by MasterCard/VISA prepaid, debit, or credit card, online registration will be held **March 15–June 4**. Register online at www.mypaymentsplus.com.

Current GCPS students paying by cash or money order and ALL out-of-county students and non-GCPS students must register on **June 4** at **Discovery High** between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **NOTE:** No personal checks will be accepted for summer school fees. Free/reduced tuition is not available. All tuition fees are due at registration.

What are the dates for summer school?

March 15–June 4 Online registration (*See details above.*)

June 4 In-person registration,
Discovery High

June 11 FIRST DAY OF CLASS

June 21 Progress reports issued

July 3 Final Exams/LAST DAY OF
CLASS

What days and hours do summer school classes meet?

Classes meet **June 11–July 3** on a Monday-to-Friday schedule. Class hours are:

1st period 7–11 a.m.

Lunch 11–11:30 a.m.

2nd period 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

What is the attendance policy for summer school?

Because of the length of the class period (four hours) and the shortness of the summer school semester (17 days), students are required to attend class for a minimum of 16 days. Therefore, a student may miss no more than one day of summer school. A second absence will result in the student's withdrawal with no refund. All absences (excused and unexcused) count toward attendance. No exceptions will be made.

NOTE: Tardiness affects learning and is disruptive to the class. *See consequences below:*

Late to class (after bell rings, in first 30 minutes)=1 tardy;
3 tardies=1 absence

Late to class (more than 30 minutes)=1 absence

2nd absence=Withdrawal from summer school (no refund)

Is lunch served in the cafeteria during summer school?

Either the GCPS School Nutrition Program or local vendors will provide meal service for summer school students during the half-hour lunch break. Students also may bring their lunch from home. **Students on campus for both 1st and 2nd period classes *may not* leave campus between classes for *any* reason.** Leaving campus will result in a one-day suspension (an absence for attendance purposes).

What about final exams?

All students must take final exams, no exemptions.

Finals are scheduled for **July 3:**

1st period exam 7–9 a.m.

Break 9–9:15 a.m.

2nd period exam 9:15–11:15 a.m.

If you have additional questions, please send an email to gcps_hs_summer_school@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Health and Personal Fitness (PE) Course Information

Both Health and Personal Fitness (PE) are required for graduation.

Health covers knowledge and skills necessary for personal health and well-being and the prevention and treatment of injury. Additional information covered includes disease prevention, relationships, consumer health, the life cycle, and preventing abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.

Personal Fitness (PE) provides students with the basic knowledge and understanding that physical fitness, exercise, and diet are essential in developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Important information about taking PE and Health online

On **June 11**, students will access their online course through the Logins tab at www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com in the **Desire2Learn** login area. Students will use their GCPS student ID number for both their username and password. Once logged in, students will see their course title and will click on the course title to enter the session homeroom.

By **June 11**, students will receive a welcome phone call from their teacher, or a welcome email sent to their @gocowls.com email address, **NOT** to a personal email address. The teacher's contact information also is posted on the course home page. Students are expected to check their GOC email daily during the summer session for important information.

Important Beginning of Term Information

"Summer Beginning of Term Information" is part of the registration system in MyPaymentsPlus. When the course is selected in MyPaymentsPlus, the Beginning of Term letter will automatically pop up. The letter requires a signature confirming that the student has read and understands the information. This information also is available in the "BOT Letter Summer" link under the Programs-Summer tab on www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com.

PERSONAL FITNESS (PE)

*MANDATORY fitness pre-test will be held on **June 7** or **June 11** at Gwinnett Online Campus (GOC), located at 713 Hi Hope Road in Lawrenceville. OR students may choose the self-testing option.*

Please visit the "**Health and Physical Education**" web page on the **Departments** tab at www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com for pre-test sign up, frequently asked questions, and a detailed description of how we use fitness tracking technology to help the teachers assess students' activity with this course.

*MANDATORY face-to face final exam and fitness post-test for PE is scheduled for **July 2** (time TBD) at Gwinnett Online Campus.*

HEALTH

*MANDATORY Face-to face final exam for Health is scheduled for **July 2** (time TBD) at Gwinnett Online Campus.*

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