

Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center FAQ's for Full Virtual Status.

1) In virtual format, how will grades be recorded?

Grading of assignments and assessments will occur normally and similar to assignments completed in a hybrid instructional format. Instructors will use a variety of methods for students to electronically turn in assignments, take electronic assessments, share photos of work, and assess participation in virtual discussions and activities. The possibilities are endless!

2) Is virtual learning going to consist of live streaming to students at home (*synchronous*) or will teachers be recording the lesson to upload to Canvas (*asynchronous*)?

Both. Students will be required to engage virtually with instructors and peers in real time (*synchronous*) Monday through Thursday and possibly on Friday. Most likely, instructors will *not* require a synchronous session on Fridays. Students will be notified by their instructor as to if live virtual instruction will take place on Friday's or if work is to be submitted in an asynchronous format.

3) How will we assess skills if we are full virtual?

During a full virtual format, we will have limited opportunities to assess skills. Throughout this time, we will focus more on the academic content related to each course. If skills can be assessed from a fully virtual format, we will most certainly do so.

4) What is the current schedule for CTC students while the CTC is full virtual?

While the GACTC is in a full virtual format, students are expected to attend virtual class daily. The current hybrid schedule (ABABV) will be suspended until we return in person. *This means students will not be assigned an "A/B" status while in the fully virtual format.*

5) Do parents and families still need to report a positive covid test even though students are not meeting in person?

Yes - the GACTC will still need to be notified if a student tests positive or needs to be quarantined for any reason. Please contact Mr. Selvenis, Principal, at (814) 505 -1282.

6) What do I do if I am having technology issues and cannot complete an assignment? (I.E. broken or malfunctioning Chromebook, lost internet connection, trouble signing in, etc.)

If you are having technology issues, please contact your teacher immediately. Teachers can be contacted through email or their google voice number. They will work with the technology department to resolve the issue.

7) How often should my student check his or her email?

Students should get into the habit of checking their email multiple times every day for updates from the school and their teachers. Students should remember to login to their @st.gactc.edu student account. (Example: john.smith@st.gactc.edu).

8) How will daily attendance be taken? What if my child is “tardy” or “absent?”

Week of 12/2 - 12/4:

- Student attendance will be recorded by attending zoom meetings with their teachers.

Week of 12/7 - Ongoing:

- Daily attendance will be taken through the use of Infinite Campus.GACTC students will need to log into their Infinite Campus accounts and check in by clicking the “I’m here” button. AM session students will be required to check in between 8:00-10:30AM and PM session students will be required to check in between 12:00-2:30PM. Students who fail to check in may lose their work ethic points for the day. If a student is unable to participate on a given day, parents are required to email an excuse to attendance@gactc.edu within 3 school days. If you have specific questions or concerns, please call Mr. Selvenis, Principal, at 814-505-1282.

9) What happens if my child is “absent” or does not participate in the class for the day during the time he/she is supposed to be there?

The expectation will be the following:

- Students will check in for daily attendance as described in question 8.
- Students who do not check in will be considered “absent.”
- If students are “absent,” parents should follow the procedures outlined in question 8 to submit excuses to attendance@gactc.edu.
- Teachers will be taking class attendance during their AM and PM sessions.
- Students who do not attend a live course or complete an assignment are subject to grade/work ethic penalties according to the course grading policies.

10) What do I do if my student is struggling with an assignment or struggling in a course?

The student needs to contact their teacher via email or google voice number for assistance. Please do not wait.