

# Senate Bill 289

In July 2012, Senate Bill 289 was passed Georgia Legislators and signed into law by the Governor. The new law sets guidelines and expectations for how districts offer and notify students and parents about online learning options. This legislation does not require an online course to graduate but provides an online learning option should you or your student choose.

The following information is provided to help guide your educational decisions regarding online learning:

1. A student may take an online course even if the course is offered in the local district.
2. If the online course is taken in lieu of any of the regular school day, there will be no charge to the student or parent. If an online course is chosen outside the school day, the student is responsible for the cost of the course.
3. Availability of online courses during the school day is subject to the availability of personnel to supervise online students and the capacity of the school to accommodate online learners on computers. Check with your school counselor for details regarding availability.

In all cases of part-time enrollment (anything less than full-time), the first step is to contact the school counselor. The law requires school districts to inform parents and students of the part-time and full-time options for online learning. Atlanta Virtual Academy currently offers full-time and part-time online learning option for students in grades PK-12. Atlanta Virtual Academy, a program of Atlanta Public School District, allows students to work from home through online coursework with a highly qualified and effective teacher. Below are the options for full time and online learning options:

	Grades PK-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Full-Time Option	Atlanta Virtual Academy	Atlanta Virtual Academy	-Atlanta Virtual Academy -Georgia Virtual School-External Provider
Part-Time Option	Atlanta Virtual Academy	-Atlanta Virtual Academy -Georgia Virtual Schools-External provider	-Atlanta Virtual Academy -Georgia Virtual School-External Provider

Atlanta Virtual Academy is a unique program that allows full time online students in grades PK-12 to maintain their home school enrollment.

## Program Contact Information:

Atlanta Virtual Academy  
<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/2>

Georgia Virtual School  
<http://www.gavirtualschool.org>