

# Summer Learning Opportunities for Rising 9th Graders

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**Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) offers high school students two ways to learn for credit this summer... with one easy way to register.**

- **Gwinnett County Online Campus 2009 Summer Session.** See inside for frequently asked questions, and find course information on the back page.
- **GCPS 2009 High School Summer School** with face-to-face classes at Berkmar High, Grayson High, and North Gwinnett High. See inside for frequently asked questions, and find course information on the back page.



**Registration for both Online Campus and face-to-face Summer School will be online at [www.gwinnettk12online.net](http://www.gwinnettk12online.net).**

- **Online Campus registration:** May 1–June 5. Register by May 30 and save \$25 per course. In-person registration is not available for Online Campus classes.
- **Face-to-face Summer School registration:** May 1–June 5, with in-person registration at Berkmar High on May 30. (See green insert for details.)

**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.
- **Rising 9th graders can only register for Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE).** 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.
- Note: Online Campus has limited spaces for Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE), so register early to ensure a space.
- All tuition fees are due at the time of registration.



**For more information go to [www.gwinnettk12online.net](http://www.gwinnettk12online.net)**

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# Gwinnett County Online Campus Frequently Asked Questions

The online summer session is five 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 Online Campus. 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 Online Campus summer session?

- **Registration and Payment (online only):**  
May 1–June 5
- **Mandatory Online Orientation Course and quiz, with a recorded subject introduction and assignment: June 10. Failure to complete these tasks on June 10— the orientation course, quiz, recorded subject introduction, and related assignment— will result in being dropped from the course.**
- **Session Dates: June 10–July 13 (PE) or 14 (Health) with July 3 holiday**

## How do I register and pay for online classes?

Register online at [www.gwinnettk12online.net](http://www.gwinnettk12online.net) between **May 1** and **June 5**. Online Campus accepts payment by credit card (VISA/Mastercard) and debit card.

**Note:** Online Campus does NOT accept cash, personal checks, or money orders. All registration is handled online.

## What is the cost of an Online Campus course?

Each online course costs \$250, but you pay \$225 if you register by May 30.

## How many online courses can I take at one time?

Online Campus allows students to take no more than two courses during the summer, including any face-to-face classes.

## What online classes can rising 9th graders take?

You may register for Introduction to Health and for Introduction to Lifetime 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.**

## What if I want to withdraw and receive a refund?

With parental approval, Online summer students can drop courses up until June 10 and request a refund by email ([gwinnettonline@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:gwinnettonline@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)). Refunds are subject to a \$25 administrative processing fee. No refunds will be given after June 10.

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

Yes, you must have *daily access* to a reliable computer with an Internet connection to log-in to your course. You will need to log-in each day during the school week (Monday to Friday) during the entire summer session. An online course requires 15–20 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 “First Day of Class” on the website. These sessions are mandatory.

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

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. The difference is that these activities occur over the Internet and students may “attend” class at any time of the day. However, you are required to log-in to class daily during the school week (Monday to Friday) for the entire session. (Note: July 3 is a holiday.)

While most of your work will be conducted over the Internet, health and PE classes require some face-to-face activities. (See “First Day of Class” on the website for details.)

# Face-to-Face Summer School Frequently Asked Questions



## Where are summer school classes held?

- **Berkmar High** (405 Pleasant Hill Rd., Liburn)
- **Grayson High** (50 Hope Hollow Rd., Loganville)
- **North Gwinnett High** (20 Level Creek Rd., Suwanee)  
Students may attend any summer school site.

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

You may register for Introduction to Health and for Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE). Both classes are offered at all three locations. PE is a 1st period class and Health is a 2nd period class. See back page for more information about these courses

## How much do summer school classes cost?

Each class costs **\$225** for Gwinnett County residents. Out-of-county residents pay **\$250** for each single-semester class. (Out-of-county residents must register in-person at Berkmar High on May 30.)

## How do I register and pay for summer school?

For Gwinnett residents paying by credit card (VISA/Mastercard) or debit card, online registration will be held **May 1–June 5**. Register online at [www.gwinnettk12online.net](http://www.gwinnettk12online.net).

Gwinnett students paying by cash or money order and all out-of-county residents will register on **May 30** at Berkmar High between 9 a.m. and 3 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 ?

- May 1–June 5** Online registration (credit or debit card)  
**May 30** In-person registration, Berkmar High (cash, money order, and all out-of-county students)
- June 11** FIRST DAY OF CLASS  
**June 26** Progress reports issued  
**July 3** Holiday  
**July 15** Final exams/LAST DAY OF CLASS

## What days and hours do summer school classes meet?

Classes meet Monday through Friday. Hours are:

- 1st period** 7:30–10:30 a.m.  
**Lunch** 10:30–11 a.m.  
**2nd period** 11:05 a.m.–2:05 p.m.

## What is the attendance policy for summer school?

Because of the length of the class period (three hours) and the shortness of the summer school semester (24 days), students are required to attend class for a minimum of 22 days in order to meet the high school accreditation standards. Therefore, a student may miss no more than two days of summer school. A third 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 the bell rings, in the first 30 minutes)=1 tardy; **3 tardies**=1 absence  
**Late to class** (more than 30 minutes)=1 absence  
**3 absences**=Withdrawal from summer school (no refund)

## Is lunch served in the cafeteria during summer school?

The school cafeteria does not sell lunch during summer school. However, vendors sell lunch items (pizza, chicken sandwiches, etc.) to 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 15, at these times:
- 1st period exam** 7:30–9:30 a.m.  
**Break** 9:30–9:45 a.m.  
**2nd period exam** 9:45–11:45 a.m.  
Final exams count 20% of the total grade.

# Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE) Course Information

**Both Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE) are required for graduation.**

**Introduction to 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.

**Introduction to Lifetime 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.

Students who want room in their schedules for extra electives— for example, art, music, or technology— may choose to take PE and/or Health during the summer before or after 9th grade through face-to-face summer school classes or through Online Campus.

During Health class, students have the option to attend the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP). Students will receive a certificate to confirm successful ADAP completion, which is required to apply for a driver's license. Students unable to attend this optional session are responsible for scheduling ADAP at another time with either Online Campus or the Georgia Department of Driver Services. You will need both the ADAP certificate and a certificate of attendance to apply for a driver's license. Request an attendance certificate from the registrar at your school. (These certificates are *not* required when you apply for a learner's permit.) For more information, go to the Department of Driver Services website (<http://www.dds.ga.gov/ADAP/index.aspx>).

## **Important information about taking PE and Health online**

On June 10, all students *must* complete the online Orientation Course (OR101) and OR101 quiz. In this **MANDATORY** course, students will find a link to a recorded subject introduction. In addition to listening to the introduction, students *must* complete an assignment related to their course. **Failure to complete these tasks on June 10— the orientation course, quiz, recorded subject introduction, and related assignment— will result in being dropped from the course.**

### **Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE)**

The fitness part of this course is accomplished using heart rate equipment that is issued to students and worn while exercising. The measurements recorded by the heart rate equipment are then uploaded to a website.

- **MANDATORY** Face-to face first day of class and pre-fitness test: June 10 or 11 (time TBD), Buchanan HS of Technology (gym next to stadium), 2595 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross.
- **MANDATORY** Face-to face final exam and post-fitness test: July 13, (time TBD), Buchanan HS of Technology (gym next to stadium). You will learn more about these tests from your teacher on the first day of class.

### **Introduction to Health**

- **OPTIONAL** Face-to-face Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) session: June 25, 3:30–7 p.m., Buchanan HS of Technology, (Bldg. A, Theater.)  
*Note: ADAP completion required to obtain driver's license.*
- **MANDATORY** Face-to-face final exam and CPR test: July 14, (time TBD), Buchanan HS of Technology