# Frequently Asked Questions – Summer School 2024

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

Each online course is $250 per .5 credit. All tuition fees are due at the time of registration.

## How do I register for online classes?

Register online at **MyPaymentsPlus** by **May 24**. All GOC registration is handled online.

## What is the 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 (BOT) letter will automatically pop up. The letter *requires* a signature confirming that the student has read and understands the information.

On June 3, students will access their online course through the GCPS eCLASS student portal at **https://publish.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcps/home/gcpslogin**. Students will use their GCPS student ID number for their username and their portal password to log in. If this is the first time you are logging into the portal this year, your password is your 8 digit birthdate (MMDDYYYY). For example, if your birthday is January 1, 2004, your initial portal password will be 01012004.

By June 3, students will receive a welcome phone call from their teacher, or a welcome email sent to their *GCPS* email address, **not** to a personal email address. The teacher's contact information is also posted on the course home page. Students are expected to check their GCPS email daily during the summer session for important information.

## 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 summer school classes. Online Campus does **NOT** allow students to take a full unit of any course when the first semester is a prerequisite for the second.

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

Yes, you must have daily access during the school week (Monday through Friday) to a reliable computer with an Internet connection. **\*Please note that you may not be able to access your online courses while traveling out of the country.** You will need to log in each class day during the entire summer session. An online course requires 16–20 hours a week per course during the shorter, more intensive summer classes. Students have access to their courses 24/7 during the summer session.

## What is an online class like?

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 will need to log in each day during the school week (Monday through Friday) during the summer session to keep up with your daily assignments.

## What is the structure of a course?

For most classes, all classwork is completed online. **All EOC classes require a face-to-face final exam at the end of the semester.** Non-EOC classes include an online final exam that students will take remotely.

For more information, see the demo course available on the website, in the **About Us** section under **Interested in Attending GOC**.

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

With parental approval, students can drop courses up until the posted first day of class on June 3. To request a refund, go to the GOC website and click on the "Request a Refund" link under the Programs-Summer School tab. **NOTE:  Course payment MAY NOT be transferred to another semester so a Refund MUST be requested in a timely manner.**

Refunds will be posted back to the prepaid/debit/credit card used or refunded to a bank account if paid by electronic check. No refunds will be given if requested after the posted first day of class.

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