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GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Summer Learning Opportunities for Rising 9th Graders

**Rising 9th graders may register for Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime 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 County Online Campus 2012 Summer Session.** Register online at [www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com](http://www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com) **between February 1 and June 4.** See inside for frequently asked questions, and find course information on the back page.
- **GCPS' 2012 High School Summer School** offers Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime Fitness at Peachtree Ridge High. Online registration will be held **February 1–June 4** at [www.mypaymentplus.com](http://www.mypaymentplus.com). Register in person on **May 31** at Peachtree Ridge High. See inside for frequently asked questions, and learn about courses on the back page.
- **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 Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE), so register early to ensure a space.
- All tuition fees are due at the time of registration.
- Face-to-face and online summer classes will **not** meet on Fridays.

**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 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?

- **February 1–June 4: Register and pay for classes (online only)**
- **June 8–July 10: Session Dates for PE**, with July 4 holiday and no Friday sessions. **June 8** is a mandatory face-to-face class and pre-fitness test, and **July 10** is a mandatory face-to-face final exam and post-fitness test.
- **June 11–July 9: Session Dates for Health**, with July 4 holiday and no Friday sessions. **July 9** is a mandatory face-to-face final exam and CPR test.

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

Register online at [www.mypaymentplus.com](http://www.mypaymentplus.com) between **February 1** and **June 4**. Online Campus only accepts payment by Mastercard/VISA prepaid, debit, or credit card; or by electronic check. **NOTE:** Online Campus does NOT accept cash or personal checks. All Online Campus registration is handled online.

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

Each online course costs \$225.

### 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 and at Community Schools.

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

With parental approval, Online summer students can drop courses up until the posted first day of class and request a refund by email ([gwinnettonline@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:gwinnettonline@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)). No refunds requested after the posted first day of class will be approved.

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

Yes, you must have *daily access* each class day 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 Thursday) during the entire summer session. Teachers will be communicate with the students regarding their Friday expectations. An online course requires 20–26 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 Thursday) for the entire session. Teachers will be communicate with the students regarding their Friday expectations. (**NOTE: July 4** is a holiday.)

# Face-to-Face Summer School Frequently Asked Questions



## Where are summer school classes held?

Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime Fitness are offered at **Peachtree Ridge High** (1555 Old Peachtree Rd., Suwanee)

## 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. See back page for more information about these courses

## How much do summer face-to-face 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 Peachtree Ridge High on **May 31**.)

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

For Gwinnett residents paying by Mastercard/VISA prepaid, debit, or credit card, or by electronic check, online registration will be held **February 1–June 4**. Register online at [www.mypaymentplus.com](http://www.mypaymentplus.com). Gwinnett students paying by cash or money order and all out-of-county residents will register on **May 31** at Peachtree Ridge High between 5 and 8 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 ?

<b>February 1–June 4</b>	Online registration (see above for payment and website information)
<b>May 31</b>	In-person registration, Peachtree Ridge High
<b>June 12</b>	FIRST DAY OF CLASS
<b>June 21</b>	Progress reports issued
<b>July 4</b>	Holiday
<b>July 11</b>	Final Exams/LAST DAY OF CLASS

*Face-to-face summer classes do not meet on Fridays.*

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

Classes meet Monday through Thursday. Class hours are:

<b>1st period</b>	7–11 a.m.
<b>Lunch</b>	11–11:30 a.m.
<b>2nd period</b>	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 in order to meet the high school accreditation standards. 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 the bell rings, in the first 30 minutes)=1 tardy; **3 tardies**=1 absence  
**Late to class** (more than 30 minutes)=1 absence  
**2 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 11**, at these times:

<b>1st period exam</b>	7–9 a.m.
<b>Break</b>	9–9:15 a.m.
<b>2nd period exam</b>	9:15–11:15 a.m.

Final exams for PE and Health 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, Gwinnett Online Campus, or Community School.

During Health class, students have the option to attend the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP). Participating students 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>).

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

On **June 8**, students can begin “previewing” their course. Students can expect a welcome phone call from their teacher by **June 8**. Students also will receive a welcome email that is sent to their [@gwinnettonlinecampus.com](mailto:@gwinnettonlinecampus.com) e-mail address, **NOT** to a personal e-mail address. All GOC students are issued an [@gwinnettonlinecampus.com](mailto:@gwinnettonlinecampus.com) email address on **June 8** to which all email correspondence from his or her online teacher will be sent. Students are expected to check their e-mail daily for important information. *Please click on the “Beginning of Term Information” link under the Supplemental Program area on [www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com](http://www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com).*

### **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 for evaluation by the PE teacher. *NOTE: Polar PE equipment used for this course is not compatible with Mac computers.*

- **MANDATORY** Face-to-face first day of class and pre-fitness test: **June 8** (time to be determined), Gwinnett Online Campus, located at 2595 Beaver Ruin Rd. in Norcross.
- **MANDATORY** Face-to face final exam and post-fitness test: **July 10**, (time to be determined), Gwinnett Online Campus.

### **Introduction to Health**

- **OPTIONAL** Face-to-face Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) session: **June 25**, 4–6 p.m., Gwinnett Online Campus. *NOTE: ADAP completion required to apply for a Georgia driver's license for residents younger than 18 years old.*
- **MANDATORY** Face-to-face final exam and CPR test: **July 9** (time to be determined), Gwinnett Online Campus