

Who May Benefit from Impact Academy?

Many students report that they actually learn more in online classes than in face-to-face classes and find the experience more rewarding. While online learning appeals to many students due to the flexibility and convenience it offers, not all students are suited to online learning. Students who lack certain abilities are not likely to do well in online courses. Furthermore, some students simply don't enjoy learning online – they like the classroom experience.

Students who thrive in an online course are...

Self disciplined and motivated

- Committed to work each day in their courses
- Good communicators
- Comfortable using computers and have technology skills



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How is Impact Academy Different?

Henry County Schools is excited to offer a new program that provides flexibility for students and their families. Impact Academy is different than other online schooling programs in many ways.



Impact Academy students can participate in clubs, sports and other organizations at their zoned schools.



Impact Academy students who struggle have a structured support system to include face-to-face small group instruction.

Impact Academy students have access to a comprehensive support and service system called Support Café'



Impact Academy students have access to a highly regarded and effective curriculum that aligns to Georgia GPS/ CCGPS standards.

Students will have **field study** opportunities where students and instructors come together to tie real-world experiences to their coursework.



Impact Academy students have opportunities for college and career guidance in after-hours face-to-face workshops.

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About Impact Academy

Henry County Schools announced February 8, 2012, their plans to offer a non-traditional schooling option for high school students. Impact Academy is a virtual program of choice for interested families. The program is designed to meet the needs of students and parents who desire learning options that provide greater flexibility related to time and place where learning occurs. Impact Academy offers the option of full-time virtual learning, but for those students whose needs are not best met by full-time enrollment, a variety of flexible participation options are available:

- Dual enrollment courses through local colleges
- Virtual dual enrollment
- Elective courses taken at their home school.

The program is unique in that students enrolled in Impact Academy may also participate in extra-curricular activities at their home school. Students will be able to learn virtually with highly qualified teachers while also participating in academic clubs, sports, or similar activities.

For the 2012-13 school year, the program is available for students in grades 9 and 10. Because there is limited capacity in the program, there will be an application process.



Coming 2013-14....

- Impact Academy students will have the opportunity to blend their online courses with CTAE courses at the Academy for Advanced Studies.
- Impact Academy plans to add 11th and 12th grade.



Impact Academy at a Glance

- 9th and 10th Grade for the 2012-13 school year
- For Henry County residents
- Participate in extra-curricular activities at their zoned school



Who Can Apply?

- Any 2012-13 9th and 10th Grade Student
- A Henry County resident
- Must read on grade level
- Must be in good academic standing

Why Online Learning?

“We are **committed** to providing a high quality education for our students. Because students learn in a variety of ways, we want to meet the educational needs of our families and community by providing **multiple learning options**. For this reason, we intend to further expand our already existing on-line learning opportunities through the Impact Academy.”

Ethan Hildreth– Henry County Schools Superintendent

Online Learning Statistics

- 27 states, as well as Washington, DC, have statewide full-time online schools.
- In April 2006, Michigan became the 1st state to require online learning for high school graduation. In 2008, Alabama added a high school graduation distance/online learning requirement, as well.
- In 2007-08, over 1 million k-12 students engaged in online courses in the US.



“In a word, America’s schools need **innovation**. Educational innovation should not be confused with just generating more great ideas or unique inventions. Instead we need **new solutions** that improve outcomes - and that can, and will, be used to serve hundreds of thousands of teachers and millions of students...Online courses and online supplementation of course material are catching on fast...”

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan