

UPPER SCHOOL VIRTUAL LEARNING (FLEX) PROGRAM DETAILS

Fort Worth Christian School is happy to provide a quality virtual learning platform for students that seamlessly integrates with our brick-and-mortar instruction. Our design has taken into account the potential fluidity of the days ahead and we are confident that our students will be afforded the benefits of a strong academic foundation that continues to prepare them for college.

What kind of upper school student does best with virtual learning?

Virtual learning is not the best format for every student...just like the brick-and-mortar classroom may not be the best structure for every student. Most students do perform better when they are able to attend a brick-and-mortar class. This may be due, in large part, to the accountability of the traditional classroom. Students opting for virtual learning should be self-starters, self-motivated, not needing constant reminders from parents/guardians about everything, self-advocates, be able to interact with teachers on their own via email, and not have the penchant to simply abandon their learning if they are struggling. These are important qualities to consider as the virtual learning format requires a more mature, self-disciplined approach to learning.

What devices will students use to participate in the virtual learning platform?

Fort Worth Christian School has utilized a one-to-one device program for a number of years. Students will be expected to use the school-issued chromebook. Students who choose Flex will be expected to follow their daily schedule and sign into classes on a daily basis using their Chromebook. Renweb (LMS) will be used to post assignments, grades, tests and quizzes, etc.).

In order to submit assignments teachers will instruct students individually as to their expected protocol.

Teachers and students will be able to use email to communicate after class.

Are the FWC issued chromebooks monitored and filtered when they are at home?

Yes. All activity on the school chromebooks is monitored. There is also a filtering system in place and a notification system for attempted retrieval of inappropriate content.

Is there technical support provided for e-learning?

FWC will provide tech support for school devices (chromebooks) and class platforms but is unable to provide support for home devices such as routers, printers, and personal computers.

Will the Flex option be conducted in a synchronous or asynchronous manner?

Synchronous. Students must be prepared to join live, daily class sessions at the regularly scheduled time of the day (see Upper School Bell Schedule). Consistent and punctual participation will be a part of the course and attendance will be taken. Not “showing up” for class will make it difficult to pass the course. Teachers will use iPads in the classroom to stream live instruction via Zoom. Students will be encouraged to actively participate in the lesson by asking and questions while participating in class discussions. Students must have their video on when attending class.

Students will be expected to be in attendance for direct instruction. However, their teacher will permit them to sign off from Zoom when working independently. Lessons will be recorded for students so they can go back and rewatch a lesson if necessary.

Should students have a designated workspace?

Yes, students should have a space set aside specifically for completing their schoolwork and attending Zoom sessions. Students should not be attending class from their bed in their pajamas..

What will the dress code requirement be?

Students will not be required to wear a school uniform but will be expected to wear school appropriate dress (for example, must wear a shirt, no pajamas, etc.)

How will textbooks be distributed?

Students will be able to pick-up their textbooks at the main office on the first day of school.

Will my student be able to participate in Chapel?

We intend to livestream Chapel services for Flex students. When advocate groups meet together Flex students will be able to join their advocate group for Chapel.

Will students be subject to random drug screenings?

Flex students will still be subject to random drug screening and will be expected to come to school to be tested if they are selected randomly.

Can Flex students turn in assessments and assignments whenever they want?

No. Assignments and assessment (tests and quizzes) due dates will be the same for brick-and-mortar and Flex students. Penalties for late work will be applied.

What if I change my mind about Flex three weeks into the school year?

We are asking all students to commit to Flex learning for the first 9 weeks of school so that teachers can prepare accordingly.

If I have questions, who should I contact?

If you have questions regarding a specific class please contact the teacher directly. Please feel free to email Nick Hinrichsen, Upper School Head, with general questions.