



# **Gravette School District K-12 ONLINE**



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The Gravette School District is offering students and families an online option for the 2020-2021 school year. Gravette is partnering with the Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) and Lincoln Learning Solutions to offer the Lincoln Empower virtual learning platform to our students. Online learning may look different at different grade levels, but the integrity of a robust and rigorous curriculum is important and will guide Gravette's online learning model. Students will be expected to follow a tightly defined structure for attendance, completion of assignments and assessments and interaction with their teacher(s). We will provide opportunities for online students to interact with Gravette teachers, students and the school community. Each online student will be paired with a Gravette teacher(s) who will provide them with support, feedback and a connection to their school. Gravette online students will always be an important and integral part of our school family.

Taos Jones, K-12 Online Principal, is continuing to receive information and training regarding the Lincoln Empower virtual learning platform. He will work in partnership with APSRC to ensure all Gravette online teachers receive extensive training in the implementation of Lincoln Empower and other instructional technology strategies. As more information regarding Lincoln Empower and Gravette's online school becomes available, this document will be updated.

If you would like to learn more about Lincoln Empower's virtual platform you can check out their website at <http://info.lincolnlarningsolutions.org/apsrc> .



## **Learning Models Defined**

**Traditional Learning (ONsite)** The Gravette School District will continue to provide a high quality onsite educational program that incorporates technology and digital formats. Should the need arise for onsite students to learn at home on a short term or long term basis, we are prepared to support students in that transition. Unfortunately, the

transition in the spring was a result of an unexpected health emergency. Now that we have had time to plan and prepare, at-home learning would not be emergency learning, rather a thoughtfully constructed online education.

**Virtual Learning** (ONline) is entirely remote instruction that may involve the occasional requirement of coming on campus for assessment if virtual assessment is not possible. When these instances occur we will provide a safe environment for our students to physically distance. It is important to note that online learning in the coming school year will be robust and rigorous. Students will be held accountable to participation and demonstration of mastery of essential learning standards.



### **Making a Choice**

In order for students to be successful in Gravette's Online Learning classes the following characteristics should be considered for the student:

1. Self-motivated
2. Independent Learner
3. Computer Literate
4. Good Time Management
5. Effective Communication
6. Personal Commitment
7. Academic Readiness
8. Technologically Prepared

If a student elects to enroll in online learning at Gravette Schools, support will need to be provided at home by the parent/guardian in order to keep students on track. As the student matures, the amount of parental guidance and support needed should become less, assuming the student possesses the above-mentioned attributes and characteristics.

Students who are not on grade level, need professional intervention, or special services may elect to participate in online learning; but are best served in an onsite learning environment where we have the ability and access to meet individual student needs. We understand students may have severe underlying medical conditions that require them to participate in online learning for their safety.



## **Technology Requirements**

Efficient and reliable home internet access is necessary for any student to be successful in their online education. If internet access is a barrier for your family please reach out to us. We may be able to help you find a viable solution.

Computer access is also a requirement for online learning. The district will issue Chromebooks to all Gravette students who are enrolled in online or onsite instruction. The district will provide families an option to purchase a small insurance policy for their student's Chromebook at the cost of \$20. This policy covers the cost of 1st and 2nd accidental damage incidents. There is an application process to waive the fee for families who qualify. Online students may use their own home computer if preferred. [Check out this link for more information about the Chromebook Insurance Policy.](#)

## **FAQs**

### **What are my educational options at Gravette Public Schools for the upcoming school year?**

*Current options are Traditional (onsite) Learning or Virtual (online) Learning. You will confirm enrollment for your child in one of these two options. If at any time during the school year you want to change to the other option, you may contact your school principal to begin that process.*

### **Do I have to provide my own computer for virtual learning?**

*You can use your own device or elect to use a Chromebook issued from the district.*

### **Can my student choose a mixture of Virtual (online) Learning and Traditional (onsite) Learning (i.e. Can a student take Virtual math and Traditional english)?**

*No, students must select online or onsite instruction for their classes. Exceptions may be made for students participating in AAA and/or extracurricular activities (i.e. band, choir, athletics) at the school. We will make every effort to keep online students included in extracurricular activities.*

### **Why wouldn't I just homeschool my child rather than choosing Gravette Online Learning?**

- *It's FREE to those that live in the district.*
- *Our virtual curriculum will comply with Arkansas Learning Objectives and Grade Level Standards.*

- *Support! We, as a district, are committed to providing you our support. You will have teacher support from Gravette teachers. You will have administrative support from Gravette Administrators. Your child will have peer support from other students learning the same curriculum in a different setting. Plus, when the time is right for your family, returning to the traditional classroom will be seamless.*
- *We WANT your family to be a part of our family....our PRIDE of Lions.*

**Can you start virtual and if it gets to where you feel safer can a child go back to school?**

*Yes, we want to meet your needs and the needs of your student.*

**Answers to the following questions are coming soon!**

**Will online students get breakfast and lunch?**

**Will online students get specials/electives?**

**Is Lincoln Empower challenging for gifted students?**

**Is Lincoln Empower accommodating for special needs students?**