



GCHS SWIVL Remote Learning (SRL) Guidelines

Gilbert Christian High School is happy to provide a quality remote virtual learning program for students that seamlessly integrates with live in-person instruction. Our design has taken into account the potential flexibility needed for the upcoming school year. Be assured, the exemplary, Christian education that you have come to expect will be provided by our caring teachers at a college preparatory level. We look forward this year to partnering with parents to prepare the next generation to impact the world for Christ! Below you will find some of the major guidelines for the GCHS SWIVL Remote Learning (SRL) Program:

HIGH SCHOOL SRL PROGRAM DETAILS:

What devices and platforms are included in the SRL Program?

Swivl device Provides: Distance - Participation - Flexibility - Relationship

The SWIVL option provides the opportunity for students to participate with their class in “real-time” while being off campus for an extended period of time. It is a flexible way to maintain the strong teacher/student relationships we cultivate at Gilbert Christian Schools. For more information on the SWIVL technology, please visit their website: <http://swivl.com>

Zoom Program

Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with live video. <https://zoom.us/education>

Google Classroom

Google worked with educators across the country to create *Classroom*: a streamlined, easy-to-use tool that helps teachers manage coursework. With *Classroom*, educators can create classes, distribute assignments, grade and send feedback, and see everything in one place.

<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom/>



How does a student declare the intention to conduct coursework via the SRL format?

Students must specifically inform the school of their desire to take any courses virtually by completing the GCS survey sent out from Jim Desmarchais. This survey is a request to participate in the SRL program whereupon the high school administration will review and approve the requests. After Monday, August 10th, this decision may not be altered without a written email request to the high school administration and permission received to switch formats.

What kind of high school student does best with SRL?

We believe a live, in-person learning program is best for our students. Studies have shown that students are more successful with live instruction. We understand that there are some exceptions and reasons why a student would need to do the SRL Program for the 2020-21 school year. Students opting for SRL Program should be self-starters, self-motivated, and self-advocates. These are important qualities to consider as the SRL format requires a more mature, self-disciplined approach to learning.

What personal devices will students use to engage in SRL Program?

Students will be expected to provide their own device; MacBook, Surface, Chromebook, iPad, etc. GCHS will not be providing school computer equipment for the 2020-21 school year. It will be the parent's responsibility to monitor their child's technology use.

Can a student participate in the SRL Program without consistent internet access?

No. Families must have stable and consistent internet access. High school students must be in touch with their teachers and/or the school with same day notification of any technical difficulties. Students will be removed from the SRL Program and enrolled in live, in-person courses if consistent internet access cannot be maintained.

Are there any courses that will not be available via the SRL Program?

We are currently going through our course catalog to determine which courses can work synchronously with live, in person classes. For those student who chose to participate in the SRL Program, they will be contacted directly by one of our GCHS counselors to modify and review their class schedule.

How do I enroll my child in the SRL Program?

If you did not select the SRL program using the survey that was sent out in July, please contact administration to enroll in that program. Once the school year begins, parents must contact administration to move from in-person learning to the SRL program.



May I switch from the SRL Program to in-person once the school year starts?

Yes. It is our goal to have every student on campus when their family feels that it is a safe environment for their child. Please contact administration, and we will help you with the change.

Can a student remain on campus and take SRL courses?

No. If a student is on-campus, they will be enrolled in the live, in-person courses.

Will the SRL courses 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. Consistent and punctual participation will be a part of the course grading. Not attending courses will make it difficult to get a passing grade. If there are extenuating circumstances, a parent may make a request in writing (email) to the high school administration outlining the need to adjust the program.

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

No. Assignments and assessment (tests and quizzes) due dates will be the same for live in-person and SRL students. Reduced credit will be applied to late work, as normal.

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

No problem. Because our program has been designed to accommodate a seamless transition between live, in-person courses and SRL Program, switching scenarios requires a parent email request to the administration. The request will be reviewed and acted upon within 3 days. This process is necessary to allow for internal database and teacher adjustments.

Gilbert Christian Schools reserves the right to discontinue a student's choice to use the SRL program, at any time, if acceptable academic progress is not consistent or proper communication with the teacher is not maintained. As of August 1st, 2020 we are not accepting applications for new GCHS students for the Swivl Remote Learning (SRL) Program. All new high school applicants must apply for the live, in-person instructional program.