

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

141 Davis Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

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MASSACHUSETTS VIRTUAL ACADEMY @ GREENFIELD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opened	September 2010
Grades	Opened grades K-8 in 2010-2011 with School Committee K-12 Innovation School plan; serving grades K-9 in 2011-2012 + K-12 from Greenfield
Criteria for Enrollment	Open to all students who are considered able to successfully participate in a virtual school environment. Preference is given to resident students and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students with medical conditions that interfere with attendance, e.g. cancer, Crohn’s disease, immune and anxiety disorders. 2. Students out of school due to pregnancy or parenting, 3. Students with developmental, social-emotional, pedagogical, or unique individual learning needs well-served by the virtual school medium, 4. Students who feel bullied or who are out of school due to other safety concerns, 5. Students who seek an advanced course program not available in their assigned school, 6. Students who have to work during the day to help support their families, 7. Students who have dropped out of school or whose original high school class has since graduated, 8. Students in training for competitive arts or sports whose days are used for training and practice, 9. Other reasons of a compelling nature, not identified above.
Cost	For Massachusetts parents, the school choice funding guidelines are used: school choice covers the cost, capped at \$5,000 per child + special education costs. The full tuition is otherwise \$6,800.
Type of School	This virtual innovation school is a public school of the Greenfield School District, authorized by the Greenfield School Committee under Massachusetts statutes for Innovation Schools
Program	The complete school program includes 4-5 core courses, all materials sent to the student’s home, an online school management program, certified teacher monitoring and coaching, teacher feedback to parents and students, online office hours, face-to-face outings and online classes with classmates. The program requires a home study mentor or coach.
Staffing	All courses are under the direction of certified MA teachers. Greenfield will have a designated virtual school principal and special education coordinator.
Assessment	Formative and summative online skill screenings and achievement testing 2-3 times per year; MCAS testing in a proctored environment consistent with test administration guidelines
Virtual School Definition	An innovation school whose students receive 80% or more of their academic instruction on-line at a location other than a public school building.
Special Education	A student with an IEP may enroll in a virtual innovation school. Coordination with home school district for services works best. A Greenfield special education team will assure approved, enrolled students have FAPE, working with the sending district to the extent possible
Attendance	Expected attendance is 180 days or 900 hours between enrollment and June 30 th . Other school attendance may be credited. After 15 days without adequate logged participation, enrollment ends.
Curriculum Provider	Educational courses and some teaching services, including management software, learning materials, and technical support services will be provided by K12, Inc., a leading virtual school provider. To learn more about this course provider, go to : www.k12.com
Website	www.gpsk12.org/virtualschool/virtualschool_home.html
How to Apply	Application components including proof of guardianship and residency plus Releases for General and Special Education Records are collected and electronic files created by K12; all applications are forwarded and reviewed by Greenfield Schools admissions team. Packets available on Greenfield’s website.
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