

Online Learning Options Information Sheet

Does Fulton High School (FHS) offer online learning?

At this time, Fulton High School does not offer any online learning opportunities. Students who wish to transition to an online learning environment must officially withdraw from FHS and enroll in an accredited online program.

One commonly used and reputable option is **Penn Foster**, which does charge tuition for enrollment. More information about the program, including costs and enrollment procedures, can be found directly on the [Penn Foster website](#).

Please note: To withdraw from Fulton High School, a parent or guardian must visit the main office to complete the necessary withdrawal paperwork.

When can I withdraw from FHS?

Parents/ Guardians may withdraw their student from FHS at any time. However, it is strongly recommended that enrollment in an accredited online program be finalized **before** withdrawal. Doing so ensures a smooth transition and allows the new program to review transcripts and develop a course plan prior to the student's departure from FHS.

Can I return to FHS after enrolling in an online program?

Technically, yes—students may return to FHS after a period of attendance in an online program. However, this process can be complicated. Online schools often have different graduation requirements than FHS, which may result in the need to complete additional courses or extend high school enrollment into a fifth year to meet FHS graduation standards.

For the smoothest transition, it is best to re-enroll at the **beginning of the school year or at the start of a new semester**, as credits earned mid-semester through an online program may not always transfer.

Can online students participate in FHS sports or extracurricular activities?

Unfortunately, students enrolled in online programs are no longer considered active students of Fulton High School. Therefore, they are **not eligible to participate** in FHS-sponsored extracurricular activities, athletics, or school events (including dances).

504 Accommodations and IEPs

Most online programs do not formally recognize or implement 504 Plans or Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). However, many online platforms are self-paced, which naturally provides flexibility similar to certain accommodations (for example, extended time on assignments). Families should verify specific supports directly with their chosen online program.

Counseling and Student Support

Students who transition to online learning are encouraged to seek consistent external counseling or emotional support. Because online learning is largely independent and lacks daily face-to-face interaction with teachers, administrators, or counselors, maintaining regular check-ins with a professional or mentor can help students stay motivated, supported, and connected.