

GAC Response to COVID-19 Crisis for the 2021/2022 School Year

TO: All schools accredited by Georgia Accrediting Commission (except schools specifically accredited as Online Schools)

The Georgia Accrediting Commission understands the challenges presented to schools since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in early 2020. In the interest of student and staff safety the GAC allowed schools to provide virtual instruction to students during the 2020-2021 school year.

Effective for the 2021-2022 school year, all schools accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission must conduct in-person classes and meet the **Organization** standards under the **Accreditation Requirements for All Schools, Agencies and Centers** in the **GAC Bulletin**. If a school wishes to provide virtual instruction, the school should be accredited as an Online School and meet the standards as listed in the GAC Bulletin. Schools accredited by the GAC may not provide virtual instruction as an option for students unless accredited as an Online School. The GAC will reconsider the ruling based on recommendation from the CDC or requirements of the governor's office.