

Northwest Christian School Online

Frequently Asked Questions



What sets NCS Online apart?

- Biblical Integration. Every lesson is developed by a team of Bible-believing teachers, so a Biblical worldview is intentionally woven into the curriculum in a natural way.
- Each lesson is developed by an experienced teacher using proven curriculum.
- A variety of media components are created specifically for individual lessons.
- Scripted guides for learning coaches are provided where needed.
- Consistent format across all grade levels and content areas.
- Within a consistent format, there is a still variety of delivery methods for lessons (presentations, videos, reading, scripted lessons to take offline, animations, etc)

What curriculum is used?

- Math - GoMath from HMH
- English Language Arts - Into Reading from HMH
- Bible - Purposeful Design from ACSI
- Science - Purposeful Design from ACSI
- Social Studies - Heritage Studies from BJU Press

For Kindergarten, there is no specific curriculum for Science and Social Studies, so those subjects are made up of supplemental lessons and activities to help meet English Language Arts standards.

What does Online Learning look like for an NCS Online student?

NCS Online is completely asynchronous, which means students are not required to attend live sessions at a specific time. The lessons are created so that families can decide what schedule works best.

There will be a real facilitator who is a certified and experienced teacher to help answer questions, grade assignments, and meet virtually on occasion to provide support.

Each lesson was created by an experienced teacher and includes a variety of media and resources to deliver content. Lessons include a combination of some videos, reading, interactive presentations, writing, worksheets, etc.

What online platform will be used?

Canvas is the NCS Online Learning Management System which houses the majority of the content. Some of the curriculum will also utilize other digital resources that students will be given access to.

Will the teachers do the grading?

The online facilitators will do all of the major grading. The students are expected to have a learning coach at home to assist them and check for understanding any work that does not need to be submitted. Kindergarten-2nd grade relies very heavily on working with a learning coach (parent, grandparent, tutor, etc) since they cannot read well yet, but 3rd-5th grade will be able to work more independently.

How long will a typical full day be?

This depends on each child, the grade level, and the specific lessons for that day, but we estimate that it will take about an average of 4 hours to complete the work each day.

Will textbooks and workbooks be provided?

Yes textbooks and workbooks will be provided to the student. Students will receive a combination of digital textbooks and physical textbooks and workbooks depending on the grade level and subject area.

How will attendance be counted?

No formal attendance will be taken on a day-to-day basis. The facilitator will check work regularly and do a weekly check-in with the family to make sure that the student is on track with their learning.

Will there be any opportunities for NCS Online students to take part in NCS on campus activities?

Yes, online students are invited to take part in the following programs and events:

- ASAP: After School Advantage Program
- Junior Crusaders Sports Program
- Chapel
- Library
- Homecoming
- Read Across America
- Community service initiatives,
- Other NCS community events which will be communicated throughout the year