

It's time to make a choice...

Survey results are in, and parents' voices have been heard, so now it's time to choose the best learning opportunity for your student!

Please review the [Superintendent's Letter](#) along with the options below, and complete the [registration form](#) by Friday, July 17.

The Traditional Option:

The traditional program will be very similar to the way our schools have functioned in the past with a few adjustments that are intended to protect the health and safety of our students and staff until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. These guidelines will be enhanced or relaxed based upon the spread rate of the virus within our area and as dictated by health professionals and/or state officials.

The Remote Classroom Option:

This option will provide a Thomas County teacher or a group of teachers for each student. These teachers will teach from a classroom at the grade-level appropriate school and will originate daily live interactive lessons on-line. Students will follow the school system calendar and schedule. Parents selecting this option should commit to provide each of their children a structured setting where he or she can participate in daily lessons that will last the majority of the regular school day. Students will be expected to logon with a camera and microphone capable device provided by the system and will participate in classroom activities very much the same as they would if they were in school. Students participating in the remote classroom will have scheduled times each school day to logon and participate in interactive lessons. Parents will be expected to monitor young children and support the teacher's classroom expectations. The school system will provide a Chromebook for students who select this option. Reliable Internet connectivity is required for this option. The school system will make reasonable efforts to assist families with gaining internet connectivity, but we are aware that there are some areas of our county that do not have reliable internet or internet at all. Getting students to a location where they can have daily internet activity will be the parents' responsibility.

Students choosing the remote classroom option will have Thomas County teachers who teach daily at their assigned school. They will be available for in-person or on-line meetings with students and parents and will provide other academic support as needed. Students and parents will have access to and support from school counselors and administrators to help solve problems that arise just as they would if they were taking classes in the school building.

The Virtual School Option:

The virtual school option provides an opportunity for students to take classes through an external provider who partners with Thomas County Schools. K12 and Georgia Virtual School are Thomas County's current virtual school partners. Students who participate in a virtual school option will remain enrolled in the school system and will be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school system. Virtual school classes are taught by teachers who are NOT Thomas County employees. The format of these classes can vary depending upon the grade level and subject. Many of these classes are nonsynchronous, meaning that all students do not have to participate in the lessons at the same time. Many of the lessons are pre-recorded or are text or digitally based. These classes typically require a heightened level of student self-discipline and motivation or a higher level of parental involvement and coaching as there is less consistent teacher involvement than in either the traditional or remote classroom models. Thomas County administrators have no supervisory authority over teachers in the virtual school model. Parents and students will work via computer or over the phone with the online teachers to resolve any issues that may arise.

For more information see the [School Reopening FAQ](#).