Albany Online
A program sponsored by the Greater Albany Public School District
Enrolling: Kindergarten - 12th grade

Who are we: An online program that was established in 2013, as an alternative option for GAPS families. Albany Online contracts with K12/STRIDE to provide a nationally ranked curriculum for students in grades K - 12.
Our K - 5th grade students use the Online Learning system, assisted by a local GAPS teacher or teachers through K12/STRIDE. The teachers work closely with Learning Coaches and students on a monthly basis. K-5 students have the opportunity for class connect sessions with grade level peers each week. Our 6th - 12th grade students are on the PEAK platform and will have a different teacher for each course,similar to the brick and mortar schools. Teachers are available to students through office hours and email.

When do students work: Students enrolled with Albany Online have access to courses 24/7. There are no specific log-in times.Grade level "live sessions" with a teacher are optional but recommended for students. These sessions provide social interaction and some direct instruction. K - 5th grade students are required to meet with the teacher once per month at a negotiated time, and from whatever location works for your family. Middle and High School students must communicate 2x per week with online teachers via email. Please remember, it is FULL TIME school, so 30 hours per week is the goal.

Why choose Albany Online: This online program works well for families that need more flexibility than a traditional school schedule can provide. Also, for parents who want more involvement and decision making in what their child is being introduced to through schooling this is a great option. K12 provides a very robust curriculum, set to a national standard of excellence. Students in grades K-5, will receive boxes of books/manipulatives, workbooks, and supplies, along with a daily and weekly PLAN to follow in order to complete the year long classes. Students in grades 6-12 have semester long classes. All supplies for 6-12 are embedded into the platform. The 6-12th grade platform offers more autonomy, in order to build self directed learning and self advocacy skills. ALL students, no matter the grade, will perform better in this program when an adult is involved with their learning.

How to enroll: If you feel this is the right option for your student/family, you may register through your local neighborhood school process, and indicate that you would like to use the Albany Online option. Please _DO NOT_ go to the K12 website to enroll. Doing so tends to enroll students at a different K12 school/program, not Albany Online.

Other things to know:

* Albany Online is a program that can be completed from any location with internet connectivity.

* A GAPS provided Chromebook is available for all students enrolled. Internet access must be provided by the family.

* The program allows students to complete coursework at times/days that work for your family. It is full time schooling and students are expected to complete 25-30 hours/week

 * This program requires good organizational skills and a basic knowledge of technology, of both the Learning coach (guardian) and the student.

* We offer a National curriculum that is very robust and rigorous.

* Students enrolled with Albany Online are always considered a student of their neighborhood school.

* Parents will receive Parent Square information for both Albany Online and the neighborhood school.

* Students may choose to be "dual enrolled". This allows students to take courses online as well as taking some classes at the school. Coordination with the building principal/counselors is required for dual enrollment.

* Special Education services are provided at the student's local school. There are no virtual services. Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from these special services.

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