



February 2, 2010 -- The Georgia Department of Education today announced that registration for the Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) 2010-2011 school year is now open to public school students.

"The Georgia Virtual School is a great way for students to take courses that may not currently be offered in their school," said State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox. "I encourage parents and students to look into all of the courses available and enroll today."

Georgia Virtual School offers a complete high school curriculum with Advanced Placement and college prep level courses. The courses also offer a perfect solution for students who are hospital/home bound or working in an alternative school environment. GAVS gives public school students access to challenging courses and the opportunity to make up credits through the Georgia Credit Recovery Program so they can graduate on schedule. All GAVS courses are fully accredited and taught by certified teachers.

During Fall 2009, over 3,000 students successfully completed courses, including the Advanced Placement courses the Georgia Virtual Schools offers. This program gives all Georgia students options and opportunities often not available at their local school.

The most popular course offerings are six world languages including: Latin, Spanish, French, German, Japanese and Chinese. The program continues to offer Quality Core Curriculum Math courses including: Algebra I, II, III, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry. The program also offers a limited middle school curriculum on a tuition basis.

High School Career, Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses (Marketing, Engineering and Technology, Public Safety, Agriculture, and Health Care Science) and Math II and Math III courses are currently in development.

State funding is available for a one unit course or two half unit courses per student per semester for high school level courses. Students may also pay tuition of \$300 per half unit class. All courses must be approved by the student's local school.

Private and home schooled students may begin registration for 2010-2011 GAVS courses on May 1, 2010.

Nine week mini-semester courses are also still available for spring 2010. These courses begin in March. Parents and students may contact the guidance counselor at their school for registration information.

For more information about Georgia Virtual School, visit the website at www.gavirtualschool.org or call 404-657-0574.