



GALVESTON ISLAND VIRTUAL ACADEMY

GIVA — Fall 2026 Launch



What is GIVA?

Galveston Island Virtual Academy (GIVA) is our district's **online program** providing another educational option leading to graduation for students with extenuating circumstances.



GIVA offers flexibility while maintaining similar **expectations and accountability** as Galveston ISD.



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Instructional Platform

Galveston ISD will use **Edmentum** and **EdOptions** as its instructional platform, particularly for **credit recovery, learning recovery and dropout prevention.**

Edmentum allows GISD to deliver high-quality, standards-aligned instruction while maintaining control over staffing and program design.



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About Edmentum



"Our virtual, human-centered instruction combines best-in-class K–12 learning technology with Texas-certified teachers to provide sustainable, in-district programs that grant every student a front-row seat to learning."

Edmentum provides **research-backed instructional solutions** that support learning wherever it occurs.

- Partnering with K-12 educators in all 50 states
- Designed to support credit recovery, acceleration, and flexible learning

What support are we asking for?

Our District team is requesting support to begin the planning phase to develop **GIVA into a 9–12 online program** initially geared to serve **homeschool and private school** students through a **public-school platform** with wraparound services.



The "Why"



Galveston ISD accepts the responsibility to serve all students who live in our community.

Galveston Island Virtual Academy allows us to:

- Serve all local Galveston Island families
- Connect students to Galveston ISD schools
- Retain public education funding within Galveston ISD
- Ensure quality, accountability, and oversight remain local
- Offer athletic and extracurricular opportunities to families who prefer virtual schooling from home



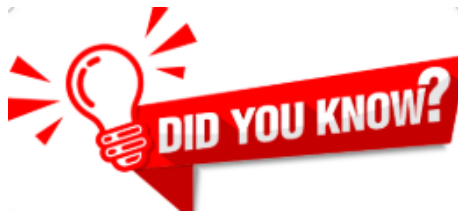
This is about access, choice, and responsible growth.

Non-Traditional Student Market



Galveston ISD serves approximately **6600 + students**.

Representing approximately 111 school age population learning at home.



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students are
educated at home
in Galveston

EdOptions: Bringing Virtual Learning to Life

EdOptions Academy Teachers:

- TX state-certified and trained in online instruction
- Build strong relationships with students and families
- Lead live lessons, small groups, and help sessions
- Communicate regularly via Zoom, phone, email, and text
- Provide timely, meaningful feedback



Expand course options and capacity

Increased Engagement

Expand equitable access to learning and retain critical enrollments.

Flexible Support

Enhance the capacity of classroom teachers even amid staffing challenges.

Scalable Success

Provide alternative paths toward credit retrieval and graduation achievement.



A full spectrum of virtual support



EdOptions Academy is Cognia-certified & NCAA approved

Unlock Barriers with Individualized Supports



Provide additional, wraparound supports for students who need more



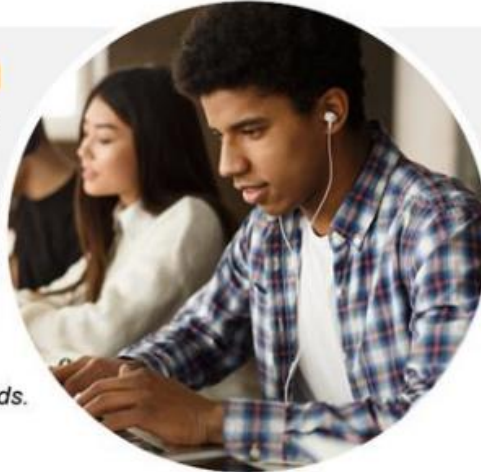
Success Coaching

Ideal for students who are falling behind or **who need help prioritizing and self-advocating.**



[The coach] helped to motivate, guide, and encourage my child... based on their own needs.

-EdOptions Academy Parent



Special Education

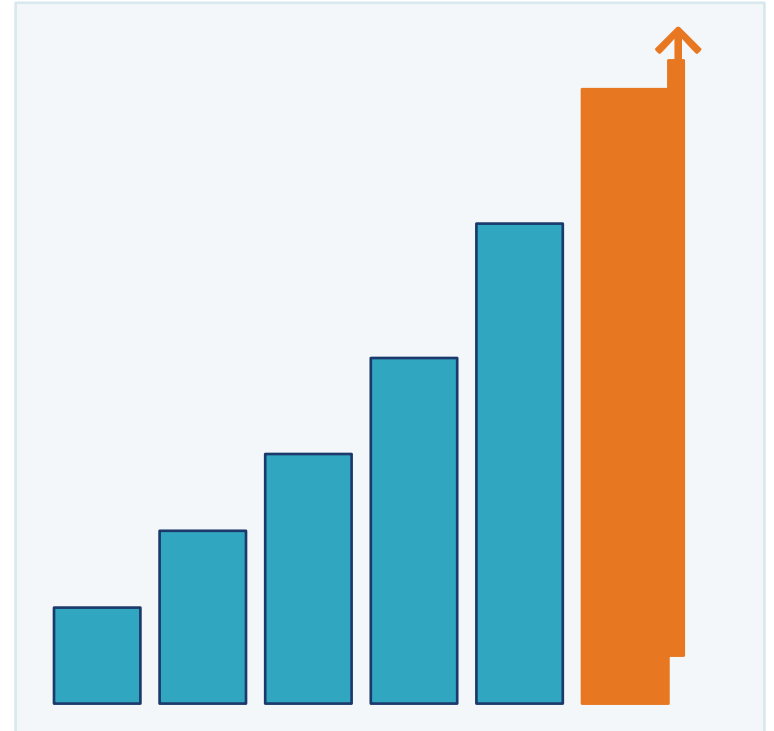
Designed for students with existing IEPs to provide related **support in the virtual classroom**

Students meet with their liaison, get online help to answer questions, and use a supported curriculum to drive learning further.



Net Revenue Model

- Average funding per student is approximately \$6,260.00
- Estimated operating cost per student: approximately \$3,850.
- Estimated net margin: approximately \$3,650 per student.



Operating Cost Model (Per Student)

Category	Estimated Cost
Instruction (Platform OR GISD Teachers)	\$2,500
Device / IT / SIS / Testing / Support	\$600
Program Administration	\$250
Total Estimated Cost	\$3,850

Staffing Ramp — Enrollment-Funded

Phase	Instructional Model
Phase 1	EdOptions Teachers Launch (Up to 20 students)
Phase 2	Hybrid (EdOptions + GISD) Growth (30 students)
Phase 3	Hybrid (EdOptions + GISD) Expansion (40 students): Add Student Support Specialist.

Enrollment Guardrails

- **Non-GISD students prioritized for initial enrollment.**
- Current GISD students must complete one semester at their traditional school before applying.
- Waitlists used once capacity is reached.



Board Action Requested



- Request to approve the establishment of Galveston Island Virtual Academy (GIVA) to serve grades 9–12 and authorize implementation as Galveston ISD's newest virtual program, with a target launch of Fall 2026.

- Initial enrollment will prioritize students not currently enrolled in GISD as the program phases into operation.

