

## Eligibility Requirements for the 2021 - 2022 School Year:

Great Hearts Online-Private looks forward to serving families for its inaugural school year in Texas. To ensure families are successful in Great Hearts Online-Private and in accordance with state laws, Great Hearts Online-Private has the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be a resident of Texas
2. Have access to the required technology (see [section A](#))
3. Understand that while certain SPED services are available for full time scholars, SPED assessments are handled by the family and not Great Hearts Online-Private. Understand that SPED services are not available to part time scholars. (see [section B](#))
4. Great Hearts Online - Private does not discriminate in its admission policy on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
5. Sign off on the Family Handbook at time of enrollment confirmation
6. Being expelled from another school system during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year, or being recommended for expulsion during the 2020-2021 school year, for any of the following conduct could prohibit enrollment:
  - a. Physical assault
  - b. Bullying and/or cyberbullying
  - c. Engaging in bullying that encourages a person to commit or attempt to commit suicide.
  - d. Conduct that constitutes discrimination or harassment, including conduct motivated by race, color, religion, national origin, gender or sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), disability, or age. This also includes sexual harassment.
  - e. Engaging in online impersonation.
  - f. Inciting violence against a student through group bullying.
  - g. Engaging in conduct containing the elements of harassment under Texas Penal Code 42.07 and/or stalking under Texas Penal Code 42.08.

### **Section A: Great Hearts Online Scholar Technology Requirements**

Each student needs a computer with the following minimum specifications:

- Not more than approximately 5 years old
- Capable of connecting to the internet (wired or wireless)
- Working webcam located on the top bezel above the display, or mounted on top of the display such that the scholar's face is visible while viewing the screen
- Working microphone and speakers (or headset)
- Chrome OS, Windows 10, or iOS operating system
- Chromium-based (Chrome, Brave, Edge) or Safari browser
- At least 4GB RAM
- At least one available USB 2.0 or USB 3.0 port (for document camera connection)

Most grade levels also have significant offline/hand-written assignments. We recommend a printer in the home where possible, but weekly printable packets are available to print quickly and inexpensively at most print and copy shops (FedEx Store, Office Depot, UPS Store, etc.)

Please note that a tablet (e.g. an iPad) will typically not suffice as a primary device, as most tablets will not be able to connect to the document camera.

Great Hearts Online curriculum includes both online and offline activities. The online activities require a stable internet connection. Since much of the online content will include live or recorded video, we suggest an unmetered plan without restrictions on the total amount of bandwidth consumed.

### Recommended Device Specifications

#### Hardware

- Chromebook (any brand)
- 4GB RAM
- 2 x USB 2.0
- 11" or greater Display
- Bezel-Mounted 720p Webcam
- 10-25GB Disk Space
- WiFi

#### Peripheral Devices

- [OKOCAM S](#) (Provided with Success Kit)
- Headset (if necessary in your environment)
- Printer (USB preferred or WiFi)

#### Software

- Google Suite (Slides/Sheets/Docs)
- Kami (PDF annotation)
- Spinsafe Web Filter for Chrome (or equivalent)
- IPEVO Visualizer software
- Zoom client

### **Section B: Great Hearts Online-Private SPED Program**

We are proud to offer some of our special student services for our full time academy scholars. As a private school we do not receive federal dollars (like IDEA) to fund a complete IEP program. However we do strive to support our exceptional students with class support and a certified SPED team.

Services included for full time scholars:

*For students who already have an IEP or a 504 plan in place:*

- Small group pull-out instruction for ELA and Math with session being directed toward student goals
- Re-teach of in-class concepts in ELA and Math
- Small group testing for all content areas as necessary
- Homework support (similar to a study hall)
- Weekly grade level meeting integration
- Weekly parent meetings to discuss successes and challenges
- Accommodating and modifying student assignments as necessary

Services not included for full time scholars, to be referred out to the school district or at family's expense:

- Individual evaluations and assessments to determine eligibility for SPED services
- Re-evaluations to remain in SPED (done every three years)
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Counseling
- Hearing and vision impairment

*GHO-Private is not subject to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and thus does not receive funding as public schools do. Therefore, GHO-Private will not be able to fully implement IEPs. We will provide documentation and scholar performance data to families who work with their local districts, which is at the discretion of the districts.*

## **Dyslexia services**

*For students coming with documented Dyslexia Services*

Provided:

- Small group sessions to support close reading, and writing skills
- Academic accommodations to classroom assignments to promote student success
- Our Spalding curriculum is an approved method by the **International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC)** and the **International Dyslexia Association (IDA)**

Not provided at this time:

- Assessment/Diagnostic Evaluations

## **ELL Services**

These services are not provided in our private model.