

- **What is CAOLA?**
  - CAOLA is the Capital Area Online Learning Association.
  - It is the largest online learning consortium in the state of Pennsylvania. This program is overseen by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15.
  - Unlike outside the district cyber charter programs, the consortium component of the program allows for students to remain enrolled in the Camp Hill School District while taking advantage of online learning opportunities.
  - To review program dynamics and access a parent flyer, click [here](#).
  
- **What does a typical day look like for a student taking CAOLA courses?**
  - As with all online curriculum options, whether it be CAOLA or an out of district cyber charter program, the day can be designed by parents/caregivers to meet your child's needs.
  - Parents work with academic advisors assigned by Camp Hill School District to create a schedule for work completion.
  - The expectation would be for some level of engagement for 5 to 6 hours per day.
  - Types of activities in CAOLA courses include:
    - Multimedia mix of streaming videos
    - Podcasts, text and voice discussion forums
    - Interactive gaming environments
    - Project based learning
    - A tutor available when your child needs extra support
    - Career and Technical education
  - Parents/caregivers play a direct role in helping their children through the learning process.
  - All courses and curriculums used are aligned to core standards to prepare your child for PSSA, Keystone and other state testing.
  
- **What is the advantage of CAOLA vs. an out of district cyber charter program?**
  - CAOLA provides the opportunity for your child to remain enrolled in Camp Hill School District.
  - For students that means:
    - Enrolling in the CAOLA program is seamless and can happen without withdrawing your child.
    - Returning to the brick and mortar school can also happen seamlessly without needing to go through the enrollment process, which means quicker transition times between online learning and return to traditional school.
    - Student schedules created in conjunction with your child's school counselor and closely monitored by the counselor who knows your child.
    - Access to **ALL** extracurricular activities because your child is a Camp Hill Student. (Enrollment in outside of district cyber charter programs may limit your child's ability to participate in some extracurricular activities.)
      - These may include but are not limited to:
        - Band

- Chorus
    - Grade level drama performances
  - Students will receive a Camp Hill report card, transcripts and diploma when enrolled in the CAOLA program.
  - Enrollment in out of district cyber charter programs results in the district paying that program between \$13,000 and \$29,000 per student. Enrollment in CAOLA is roughly 1/3 of that cost.
- **How likely is my child to succeed using CAOLA curriculum?**
    - In the 2018-2019 school year, the Camp Hill School District had 102 high school students utilizing CAOLA courses in either full time or part time status. These students were enrolled in 437 courses.
      - The completion and passing rates for those students were:
        - 95% of the students completed 90% or more of the course content
        - 96% of the students earned a grade of 60% or higher
        - 93% of the students earned a grade of 70% or higher
    - In the 2019-2020 school year, the Camp Hill School District had 85 high school students utilizing CAOLA courses in either full time or part time status. These students were enrolled in 213 courses. (\*Please note: The COVID 19 district closures significantly impacted the 2019-2020 numbers.)
      - The completion and passing rates for those students were:
        - 93% of the students completed 90% or more of the course content
        - 99% of the students earned a grade of 60% or higher
        - 90% of the students earned a grade of 70% or higher
  - **Can students earn a high school diploma taking on-line courses?**
    - Students can earn a Camp Hill School District diploma taking courses online through CAOLA, if they meet state graduation requirements and follow all district policies.
  - **Can CAOLA accommodate students with special needs, a disability, or English Language Learners?**
    - Many students with special needs use CAOLA because of the flexibility, adaptation, and individualized programs it has available.
    - The school district's special education staff is responsible for collaboration with students, families, and other instructors to develop the student's IEP or 504 plan and create learning plans that meet student needs.
    - CAOLA courses can be adapted as necessary to assist in meeting educational goals.
  - **Who will students interact with and be supported by the most?**
    - The key to academic success (other than the student themselves!) is the student's advisor assigned by Camp Hill School District.
    - The advisor's primary goal is to make sure each of his/her students is making progress and meeting or exceeding academic goals.

- If the advisor sees anything getting off track, it will be addressed with the student, the parent, and instructors as necessary.
- Students are also supported by online teachers, who help to instruct the students and give feedback on performance.
  
- **How does CAOLA know if my child is staying on task?**
  - CAOLA utilizes a tracking software that allows advisors to see which contents of lessons were accessed and for how long.
  - The software also tracks grades on daily assessments.
  - A combination of multiple choice assessments and more creative assignments helps ensure students are submitting individual work and are following course material properly.
  
- **How does CAOLA report academic progress?**
  - Progress is tracked and reported in several ways:
    - The student's home page allows parents, students and instructional staff to see grades and incomplete assignments.
    - An achievement alert is issued when a student falls behind in a given content area.
    - Progress is discussed with the family by the school appointed advisor on a regular basis.
  
- **What happens if my child falls behind?**
  - Daily assessments allow students, parents, advisors and instructors to know immediately if a child falls behind.
  - If a student fails to meet proficiency, an alert is automatically sent to the student and district appointed advisor that is viewable by parents and instructors.
  - The district appointed advisor will work with the parents and students to help correct the issue.
  - The student's home page allows a parent, instructor and district appointed advisor to see student progress daily.