

INFORMATION NIGHTS!

Meet the Directors and staff, tour the building, and get acquainted with our program.

We will give a presentation and answer any questions you may have!

JANUARY 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Perry Center • Cafeteria, 2nd Floor

JANUARY 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM
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VISION

To embolden our students to become creative, critical thinkers and compassionate, collaborative learners as they progress on the path of actualizing their own unique genius.

To serve as the learning hub for Grand Blanc Community Schools at which all educators are welcome to engage in inquiry-based, reflective, and hands-on learning.

TECHNOLOGY

Bobcat Innovation students will be actively involved with technology resources. The GBCS Technology Department is onsite on the first floor of the Perry Center.

New technologies will be introduced on a regular basis, prior to being implemented district-wide. It is important that technology be used purposefully, as a tool, to support curriculum and enhance learning.

PHILOSOPHY

Education is more than a storehouse of knowledge and set of skills. Students learn in multiple ways and are benefited by a variety of instructional methods and an interdisciplinary approach.

A quality education results when students are actively involved and create meaning through purposeful, authentic learning experiences. We believe that social, emotional, and academic learning are interrelated and that educators, families and community are essential partners in guiding our students to actualize their own unique genius.

As an innovative school, we continually strive to improve education.

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, Grand Blanc Community Schools will officially combine Perry Innovation Center and Bobcat Virtual into **Bobcat Innovation**. The new entity will include current program offerings **PLUS** a new **HYBRID** option, beginning with grades 2-5. A hybrid option remains available at GBHS, as well, for grades 9-12, and is a part of Bobcat Innovation. Virtual remains available K-12, and in-person learning remains available for grades 2-8 at Perry Center. We plan to expand the hybrid option to grades 6-8 beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

For more information visit
www.bobcatinnovation.org



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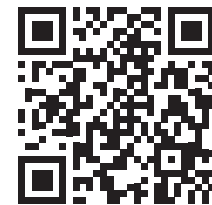
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IN-PERSON LEARNING

The 100% in-school learning environment of Bobcat Innovation, formerly Perry Innovation Center, utilizes the latest curriculum enhanced by use of technology, as well as project-based and group learning to give students a real-world experience in the classroom that makes education come alive!

GRADES 2-8

7:35-2:45 Monday through Friday

- Exploration of the latest instructional practices in technology and education
- Innovative curriculum and hands-on learning
- Unique field trips
- Small school environment
- Integrated curriculum
- Purposeful instruction
- Project-based learning
- Students can participate in field trips, athletics (Grades 6-8), and even school events!
- Bus transportation provided within district
- Fun, student-initiated after-school clubs

IN PERSON REQUIREMENTS

- Application by deadline - space is limited
- Chosen by lottery and to mimic the district population's demographics



HYBRID LEARNING (NEW!)

The hybrid model provides the best of both worlds! Students learn online from the comfort of their home 3 days per week, but are also immersed in the innovative in-person environment that Bobcat Innovation offers, for 2 days per week of specials. *We anticipate adding 6th-8th for the 2025-26 school year.*

GRADES 2-8

7:35-2:45

Tuesday and Thursday

- 2 days per week of in-person, teacher-led classes and activities
- 3 days per week at home doing virtual lessons prepared by teachers
- Small in-person school environment
- Bus transportation is available in-district
- In-person 'specials' *Art, Technology, Gym, & Music*
- Access to school library and lab spaces
- Participation in field trips and clubs
- Innovative curriculum

HYBRID REQUIREMENTS

- Student and parent or guardian must attend an in-person interview
- Daily access to a computer with a camera, microphone, and high-speed internet at home
- Appropriate at-home learning environment
- Dedicated learning coach (an adult at home to help with learning)
- Student must be close to (or above) grade level proficiency in reading and math
- Technological skills such as Google Docs and email with the help of a learning coach
- Time management with help of coach
- Motivation and desire to learn online
- Ability to practice self-directed learning with the help of the learning coach
- Transportation to and from in-person days if living out of district boundaries

VIRTUAL LEARNING

Our virtual option, formerly Bobcat Virtual Learning, provides a platform for students to learn 100% from home utilizing our virtual curriculum. Students will gain access to many of the benefits of Grand Blanc Community Schools such as field trips, dances and athletics.

GRADES K*-8

Flexible times and days with check-in once per week

- Students will learn from the comfort of their home each day utilizing an online curriculum designed by their teacher
- Virtual Google Meets each week with their teacher.
- Access to their teacher (if needed) for virtual lab hours, reading groups, math help, etc.
- Access to school library and lab spaces
- Students can participate in unique field trips, clubs, athletics (6-8), and school dances (6-8)

K-8 VIRTUAL REQUIREMENTS

- Student and parent or guardian must attend in-person interview
- Daily access to a computer with a camera, microphone, and high-speed internet
- Dedicated learning coach (an adult at home to help with learning at least until grade 6)
- Math and reading proficiency at or above student's actual grade level
- Appropriate at-home learning environment
- Technological skills such as typing, word processing, internet browsing, email (with the help of learning coach until grade 6)
- Motivation to complete assignments and desire to learn online
- Ability to practice self-directed learning (with the help of learning coach until at least grade 6)
- Time management skills (with the help of learning coach until at least grade 6)

** Kindergarten and 1st graders must have a unique need for this program (such as a medical condition). High school grades 9-12 are available and detailed on the website www.bobcatinnovation.org*