

Why Choose Seneca Valley’s Cyber Service Over Cyber Charter Schools?

Curriculum and Teachers

	Seneca Valley	PA Cyber Charter	Commonwealth Connections Academy Cyber Charter	Agora Cyber Charter
What Curriculum does the school use?	Seneca Valley's Approved Curriculum implemented with Edgenuity & Compass	Lincoln Interactive, National Network of Digital Schools	Brain Pop, Compass, Hot Math, K-8 Power, First in Math, Headsprout	K12
What does it cost the taxpayer's to send one <i>regular education</i> student to the school?	\$3,200	\$8,700	\$8,700	\$8,700
What does it cost the taxpayer's to send one <i>special education</i> student to the school?	\$5,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Where do families call for help and/or support?	Seneca Valley	Varies by student – somewhere in PA	Varies by student – somewhere in PA	Varies by student – somewhere in PA
Where are the teachers located?	Within Seneca Valley	Somewhere in the US	Somewhere in the US	Somewhere in the US
Can a student meet with <i>their</i> teacher in person?	YES	NO – only with a tutor	NO – only with a tutor	NO – only online
Are all instructors required to be PA certified teachers?	YES	NO	NO	NO
Are the teachers subject to PA Act 82 Educator Effectiveness standards?	YES	NO	NO	NO
What was the 2011-12 graduation rate?	97.0%	60.8%	83.1%	49.3%

Quality Indicators and Student Life

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Is the high school accredited?	YES	YES	NO	NO
Have the schools been named a National Blue Ribbon school?	YES	NO	NO	NO
How many high school clubs are offered?	48	10	19	Not available
Does the school offer live performing arts classes that cyber students can participate in including band, chorus, strings, and dance?	YES	NO	NO	NO
Does the school offer varsity sports?	YES	NO	NO	NO

Achievement – Schools Based in Western Pennsylvania

	Seneca Valley	PA Cyber Charter	PA Distance Learning Cyber Charter	PA Learners Online Cyber Charter/ Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3
PSSA Math 2011-12 school year				
Grades 3- 5 - students scoring Proficient or Advanced	91.2%	58.6%	21.1%	n/a
Grades 6-8 - students scoring Proficient or Advanced	90.1%	55.3%	38.5%	67.4%
Grades 9-12 -students scoring Proficient or Advanced	70.2%	31.8%	20.0%	16.7%

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PSSA Reading 2011-12 school year				
Grades 3- 5 - students scoring Proficient or Advanced	86.2%	59.7%	30.8%	n/a
Grades 6-8 - students scoring Proficient or Advanced	89.1%	71.8%	56.9%	55.8%
Grades 9-12 -students scoring Proficient or Advanced	83.4%	61.5%	46.7%	11.9%
Did the School District make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	YES	NO	NO	NO
<i>Pittsburgh Business Times</i> School Ranking of Western PA schools				
Grade 11–Ranking out of 124 schools	18	96	105	120
Grade 8 – Ranking out of 149 schools	9	118	137	138
Grade 7 – Ranking out of 150 schools	11	109	134	141
Grade 6 – Ranking out of 198 schools	27	166	186	n/a
Grade 5 – Ranking out of 273 schools	31	248	272	n/a
Grade 4 – Ranking out of 300 schools	37	248	n/a	n/a
Grade 3 – Ranking out of 314 schools	25	272	n/a	n/a

Graduation, PSSA, and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data obtained via <http://paayp.emetric.net>

The *Pittsburgh Business Times* annually ranks Western Pennsylvania schools based on their three year average performance on the PSSA tests. As a school district Seneca Valley is ranked 12th out of all school districts in Pennsylvania. The best ranking for cyber charter schools in this year's ranking? 96th. See more at <http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/promo/schoolguide>