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### **Is my child eligible to enroll in the Carlynton Cyber Academy Service? What grade levels are available?**

Any student in grades K-12 living in the boundaries of the Carlynton School District can apply. If your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), a team meeting must be held prior to enrollment.

### **Is there a cost to attend the Carlynton Cyber Academy?**

No. As a public school, Carlynton students can attend cyber classes completely free of charge during the school year.

### **How do I enroll my student in the Carlynton Cyber Academy?**

Students can enroll by contacting Michael Loughren, the Coordinator of Educational Programs and Services. Phone: (412) 429-2500 ext. 1109 or email: [michael.loughren@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:michael.loughren@carlynton.k12.pa.us)

### **What if my child is not comfortable on the computer? Can he or she still participate? Is there support?**

Carlynton Cyber Academy teachers and support staff will be able to provide assistance to your child. The teachers are able to assist students with questions about course content and the technology involved in online learning. Additionally, we have available online tutorials that address many of the questions and concerns students have so that they can be successful online learners.

## Who will help my child when they have difficulties?

Your first point of contact is your classroom teacher. You may reach them through the online system, via email, or via telephone. You may additionally contact the Cyber Office at 724-452-6040, extension 1013, any time that you encounter difficulties or have questions. Additionally, Mr. Loughren is your point of contact within the Carlynton School District.

## Will there be opportunities for social activities for my student in the Carlynton Cyber Academy?

Since all cyber students are enrolled in the Carlynton School District, they have the ability to join any clubs or activities offered in our schools.

## Who will supervise my child's instruction in the Carlynton Cyber Academy?

All instruction in the Carlynton Cyber Academy are supervised by Pennsylvania certified professional employees who are highly qualified and certified to teach the courses in which your student is enrolled. Additionally, the Carlynton School District provides administrative, guidance, and support services to all students enrolled in the program.

## Can my child switch from traditional classes to cyber classes during the school year or vice-versa?

Yes! Since the cyber classes and traditional classes both follow the Carlynton approved curriculum, transitioning can be quite easy for students. These changes will be made quarterly, meaning that students who are enrolled in either the regular school setting or the online platform can change their schedule when the nine weeks grading period ends.

## How do I transfer from a private or charter School?

Families can register their child with our district registration coordinator. She can be reached at 412.429.2500 ext. 3527 or via email at [brittany.etkins@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:brittany.etkins@carlynton.k12.pa.us)

Once the student is registered with the school district a guidance counselor and Mr. Loughren will work with you and our cyber teachers to place the student in the appropriate courses.

## How can my child receive help while they are working on a cyber course?

Much of the classwork allows students to retry work if they have not mastered a skill. They can ask questions to our cyber teachers, send emails for help, or log-on to an online help area to chat live with their teacher.

Academic Questions

## Is the Carlynton Cyber Academy curriculum accredited?

Yes, our online curriculum mirrors that of traditional courses and is aligned with PA State Standards and our high school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Through our programming, we are able to offer additional classes online that are not offered in our traditional classrooms.

## How much time will my child spend doing school work during the day/year?

All Pennsylvania students are required to attend school 990 hours for grades 7-12, and 900 hours for elementary students. All courses are created based on this requirement. To meet the annual hour requirements, a daily calendar for work is established that will enable students to remain on target for both attendance and completion of the courses.

## How many courses are offered in the Carlynton Cyber Academy?

The Carlynton Cyber Academy currently offers numerous different courses that students are able to select. Courses are available for core content, enrichment, interest, remediation and credit recovery.

## How will my child's progress be monitored?

A student's progress is monitored on a weekly basis. Parents receive daily e-mails that show a visual report of your child's progress and students can access real-time progress reports by using our Parent Portal. Students are able to view their progress each time they log-in to the system.

## How do you monitor cyber attendance?

Attendance is monitored through our cyber service platform, Edgenuity. We are able to calculate the exact amount of engaged time as well as a student's idle time. Based on the student's progress report and data provided from Edgenuity.

## How will my child receive cyber credit for physical education?

Students are able to obtain their Physical Education credit online through our Carlynton Cyber Academy Physical Education courses. Students will complete online assignments and they will keep a fitness log of their activities.

## What am I required to do if my child attends Carlynton Cyber Academy?

We require a parent to be present in the home with any elementary and middle school students if the student is enrolled in full-time cyber education in the home. We do not require that a parent be present in the home for students in grades 9-12.

## Will my child have the option of learning a world language?

Several world language courses are offered to all students including Spanish, German, French and Chinese.

## How will my child's grades be determined?

Similar to traditional courses with multiple measures of student progress, our cyber courses assess student progress in a variety of ways. Some examples of the assessment tools used include journal entries, quizzes, tests, homework assignments, and written projects. Students do have the ability to redo all work until the student reaches mastery. Teachers will assess the assignments and provide timely feedback.

## Will my child be required to participate in standardized testing?

Yes, all students in the Carlynton Cyber Academy are required to participate in district and state standardized testing. Students in select grades are required to participate in Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in the areas of Reading, Math, Writing, and Science. Additionally, high school students will be expected to take the Keystone Exams.

## What are the requirements for graduation?

All students must obtain 24 credits and fulfill the other Carlynton School District graduation requirements.

## Will my child receive a diploma? Is there a graduation ceremony?

Students who participate in the Carlynton Cyber Academy will be eligible to receive a Carlynton High School diploma and are eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies with all graduating Carlynton students. Students are also able to request transcripts through the guidance office as needed to support college and work endeavors.

## Does the Carlynton Cyber Academy have a gifted program?

The Carlynton Cyber Academy follows Chapter 16 of the Pennsylvania State Code regarding gifted students. We meet those guidelines by enriching our students through various activities and events. Goals delineated in a student's GIEP will be supported through Carlynton Cyber Academy and by our professional staff.

## Is there a special education program?

Yes. We follow all federal and state regulations and standards for special education students. As a public school, we implement Chapter 14 for special education and Chapter 15 for 504 Protected Handicapped Students. All goals delineated in a student's IEP will be supported through the Carlynton Cyber Academy and by our professional staff, including appropriately certified special education teachers.

## Can my child participate in Vo-Tech while attending Carlynton Cyber Academy?

We encourage students to pick the path that best fits their learning needs. Vocational-Technical students who wish to enroll in Carlynton Cyber Academy may participate in either cyber or traditional courses. Students will also be bussed from community stops to transport them to Parkway CTC.