FASD Cyber Academy

Guidelines

Enrollment

Students must meet the following criteria to participate in FASD Cyber Academy through the Freeport Area School District:

- Reside within the Freeport Area School District.
- Be a student in good standing with respect to attendance and grades.
- Must maintain at least 6.5 credits.
- Meet with school counselor to determine the course of study.

Attendance

Attendance is determined by the number of courses in which the student is enrolled. Students are required to be logged in and engaged in the learning platform (Imagine Learning/ Edgenuity grades 5-12) or Accelerate Education (grades K-4) for a minimum of 30 minutes per class per day.

Virtual Check-Ins (Wellness Checks)

Consistent with Section 1327.4 of the PA School Code, all students enrolled in the FASD Cyber Academy are required to attend a mandatory weekly virtual check-in with the K-12 Cyber Counselor. This check-in will occur on a regularly scheduled day and time established by the K-12 Cyber Counselor, and communicated to the student/ family. Google Meet will be used for these weekly check-ins, and students must have their cameras turned on and be visually present. Should the student be unable to attend the virtual check-in due to illness, a corresponding excuse must be submitted for the absence, and the check-in rescheduled for the next available day. Parents will receive

notification should the student not attend a weekly virtual check-in. If the virtual check-in does not occur within three days of parental notification, the following shall apply:

- A wellness review conference with the parents and student will be scheduled within one school day.
- The conference may be conducted in person or by electronic (virtual) means.
- Interventions will be identified to ensure that the student participates in future virtual check-ins.
- Should the student not participate in the wellness review, a representative of FASD will conduct an in-person wellness check within 24 hours of the scheduled conference.

Students who miss multiple virtual check-ins will be removed from the FASD Cyber Academy.

Excuses

Any interruptions to the timely completion of assignments such as sickness, vacations, death in the family, etc. should be communicated immediately to the regular school of attendance to the Cyber Coordinator.

The following guidelines and actions will be taken when a student fails to meet the minimum requirement of time attempting to complete assignments:

- Notice/truancy letter sent home to parents.
- Mandatory meeting with school officials/administration.
- Implementation of School Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP).
- Citations filed against the parent/guardian/student at the local magistrate's office.
- Removal from the FASD Cyber Academy.

Grades/ Failures

All FASD Cyber Academy students' progress will be monitored by their Cyber Coordinator, school counselor, and cyber school principal. When a student enrolls in the cyber program, parents will receive a daily progress report directly from Imagine Learning. Any student demonstrating academic failure at the interim report of a quarter MAY be put on academic probation and will not be permitted to enroll in any other class

until all work has been completed and a passing grade has been submitted. At that point, a meeting will be scheduled with the student, the parent, the school counselor, and the cyber school principal in order to develop an academic improvement plan and possibly a school attendance improvement plan. This plan will be reviewed at the end of the quarter. If a student fails a course at the end of a quarter, they WILL be placed on academic probation and MAY be removed from the FASD Cyber Academy program. Academic probation includes, but is not limited to, requiring students to complete their course work in the South Buffalo Elementary library under the supervision of the FASD Cyber Academy staff. If a student fails multiple courses they WILL be removed from the FASD Cyber Academy program. This may affect your class standing and interfere with timely graduation. Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to complete all requirements of any course.

Honors and Advanced Placement Requirements

Students scheduled for honors and/or advanced placement courses, must achieve 70 percent or better during the first marking period to remain enrolled in the course. If the student is not meeting the general expectations of the course requirements, the Cyber Principal or the Building Principal may drop the course from the student schedule, and subsequently enroll the student in the regular course level.

Keystone and PSSA Testing

All students are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to complete mandatory testing at specified grade levels. PDE states:

The Pennsylvania state assessment system is composed of assessments and the reporting associated with the results of those assessments. The assessment system includes the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA), the Pennsylvania Accountability System (PAS), the Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS), the Keystone Exams (end-of-course), Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) and the National Assessment of Educational Process (NAEP).

Therefore, FASD Cyber Academy students are required to report to their home school for state testing. The building principal will establish the dates and time of tests, and students and parents will be informed via their cyber school counselor or administrator.

Graduation Requirements

All students are required to earn credits as defined on page 8 of the Program of Study Graduation Requirements consisting of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Arts/Humanities, Health/Safety/PE and electives. FASD Cyber Academy students who successfully complete the aforementioned requirements will be eligible to participate in the Freeport Area High School graduation ceremony and will receive a diploma from the Freeport Area School District.

Through Act 158 of 2018 and Act 6 of 2017, students graduating from a Pennsylvania public high school in 2023 or later will have the flexibility to meet statewide high school graduation requirements through one of five pathways that fully illustrate their college, career, and community readiness.

Keystone Proficiency and Keystone Composite Pathways

Keystone Proficiency remains a pathway to high school graduation for the graduating class of 2023 and beyond. Commonwealth students will not be required to pass the Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology) in order to graduate; however, since most students will continue to participate in the Keystone Exams for federal accountability purposes, those achieving scores of Proficient or Advanced (a minimum scaled score of 1500 or higher) in each of the three Keystone Exams demonstrate Keystone Proficiency and meet statewide requirements for high school graduation.

Students achieving a minimum scaled score of less than 1500 on a Keystone Exam may meet statewide requirements under the new *Keystone Composite Pathway,* provided:

- No score of Below Basic was earned for any Keystone Exam,
- A score of Proficient or Advanced was achieved on at least one Keystone Exam, and
- The composite score for all three Keystone Exams is 4452 or greater.

If students do not have three Keystone Exam scores or do not meet the requirements for either Keystone Pathway, they may opt to retake one or more Keystone Exams or may elect to meet statewide graduation requirements under the Alternative Assessment Pathway, or Evidence-Based Pathway.

The High School Counselor and principals will work with each student to match the best “pathway” to the student needs. This may require the students to come to the high school.

Career Portfolios

A Career Portfolio is required for all Pennsylvania students. In order to meet this requirement, all FASD Cyber Academy students will be required to work with their High School Counselor and K-12 Cyber Counselor to complete the career portfolio. By the end of grade 11, the student has to produce eight additional pieces of evidence beyond the K-5 and 6-8 grade bands of evidence. At least two of these pieces of evidence must demonstrate implementation of the student’s individualized career plan.

School District Provided Devices

All students in the Freeport Area School District are provided a Chromebook upon request. These devices will be collected at the end of the school year during the last week of school. Students/families should report any computer issue immediately to the Cyber Coordinator. Families may need to bring their devices into the school district for maintenance or to simply switch to a different device. Please see an example of the technology agreement that must be signed by FASD Cyber Academy students and families as part of the enrollment process.

Student Participation

Student participation in online cyber instruction will be based on the individual student’s needs and is subject to the approval of the Cyber School Principal, school counselor, school building principal and parent/guardian. Examples of the students who may qualify for online instruction would include students unable to attend school for medical or medically related problems, students requiring an alternative educational setting, students enrolled in an existing online program, extended home-school students or students wishing to leave the brick and mortar school setting to participate in online instruction. While enrolled students can participate in online instruction exclusively asynchronously, some instruction is offered synchronously should students elect. Please note, however, synchronous instruction is provided by Seneca Valley SD staff,

not FASD staff. Students will be required to participate in all state mandated testing. Student participation in the FASD Cyber Academy is a privilege that may be revoked at any time. Cyber school students will have access to school resources such as the in-school counseling program and our school guidance office by appointment only.

Extracurricular Activities

Students who choose FASD Cyber Academy are afforded the same benefits of all other students who attend the Freeport Area School District.

- Eligible students are able to participate in activities, athletics, and performing arts at no cost
- Eligible students may attend dances such as Prom, Snowball, and Homecoming.