



WEST YORK CYBER ACADEMY Frequently Asked Questions

Who may attend the West York Cyber Academy?

Any student who resides in the West York Area School District may enroll in the West York Cyber Academy.

Why attend the West York Cyber Academy?

The West York Cyber Academy is able to offer unique opportunities that are unavailable in other cyber schools:

- The teachers in the West York Cyber Academy are West York teachers - all of which are 100% highly qualified/certified.
- Students who graduate from the West York Cyber Academy will receive a West York diploma and will be able to participate in the commencement ceremonies with their graduating class.
- Students enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy will be able to participate in a variety of activities at West York such as prom, homecoming, school dances, field trips, etc.
- Students will participate in West York's curriculum and receive a similar experience as their in-school peers.

Will the District provide a device for students enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy?

All West York Area School District students have been issued a device (Chromebook). Students enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy will keep their device to use in this program. New students will be issued a device for use.

I am not yet comfortable sending my child to school. Can I have them continue with virtual learning only this school year?

Yes, the District is offering a 100% cyber option for K-12 students during the 2020-2021 school year through the West York Cyber Academy.

If my child starts the year at the building and I become uncomfortable, can they transition to virtual learning?

Yes, however, should online learning not work out for your family, re-entry may not be possible until select points throughout the year. This would ensure educational continuity for all students and appropriate planning for scheduling/class sizes.

What curriculum will be used in the West York Cyber Academy?

The West York Area School District teachers have collaborated to create lessons using the curriculum for each grade level that parallels the instruction in the classroom in grades K-8. West York Area High School will continue to partner with Edgenuity <http://www.edgenuity.com/> to provide courses for students in grades 9-12 as in the past with the Open Campus program.

What will the attendance policy be for the West York Cyber Academy?

Board Policy 204 outlines the expectations for school attendance following the Compulsory Attendance Laws set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is expected that students exhibit regular school attendance, even in an online setting. Without regular attendance and submission of assignments, a student is placing his/her goal of passing the course, grade advancement, and earning sufficient credits for graduation at risk. The West York Area School District regards truancy in a cyber environment in the same manner as truancy from traditional school.

What is the time commitment for virtual/cyber learning?

Students enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy will be required to complete the equivalent of a full academic year through activities facilitated online by their teacher(s). Please refer to the [West York Area School District Online Learning Time Expectations by Grade Level--2020-2021](#) for more information about specific time requirements by grade level.

Will virtual learning be structured differently than the distance learning we experienced this spring?

Yes. Students enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy will be more like the expectations of a traditional day of school delivered in a virtual classroom by West York teachers. Please refer to the [West York Area School District Online Learning Time Expectations by Grade Level--2020-2021](#) for more information about specific time requirements by grade level.

If my high-school-aged child is enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy for this year, will he still receive instruction in the courses he is currently enrolled in for the 2020-2021 school year?

Every effort will be made to mirror the online schedule to the current schedule for our high school students. High School student schedules will be confirmed during the Cyber Academy intake meeting. It should be noted that some of our courses do not lend themselves to online learning due to labs and required materials. Situations such as those will be discussed during our enrollment process and if at all possible, discussions would take place as to whether courses could be rescheduled for the 2021-2022 school year or substituted for another course.

Will my Elementary student have to check in with one teacher or multiple teachers if he is enrolled in the West York Cyber Academy for the 2020-2021 school year?

Each elementary West York Cyber Academy student will have one teacher leading their instruction for the year.

How do I enroll my child in the West York Cyber Academy?

Please fill out the West York Cyber Academy [Notice of Interest](#). Once you fill out the form, an administrator will contact you to complete the necessary steps for enrollment.