

SECTION: 500 - Students

TITLE: CYBER ACADEMY

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the demand for alternative means of educating students. The Washington Cyber Academy (Cyber Academy) will provide a means of meeting this need. [1]</p>
<p>2. Definitions</p>	<p>Cyber Academy – program in which a student completes their schoolwork online through a third-party vendor selected by the Washington School District (District), usually at the student’s home.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>The Board authorizes the use of computer-based instruction subject to the provisions of the Washington School District’s policies and procedures. [2] The Board will determine which cyber curriculum provider best suits the needs of the School District based on administrator recommendation. [3] The Board reserves the right to change cyber providers.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Cyber Academy is primarily available as a full-time program of education that follows the District’s approved calendar. The Superintendent will determine which grade levels are best suited for this program and will evaluate its effectiveness yearly. Cyber Academy students will adhere to the prescribed curriculum as defined in the District curriculum guidelines. [4]</p> <p><u>Additional Uses of the Cyber Academy</u></p> <p>Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the Cyber Academy may be used for students who are suspended, expelled, receiving credit recovery, enrolled in summer school, receiving homebound education, or placed in an alternative education program. [5] [6]</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Eligibility/Application Process</u></p> <p>The following eligibility and procedures will be followed by students and parents or guardians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subject to the provisions of this Policy, students may be enrolled in accordance with Policy 500 (Admission and Enrollment of Students). [5] [7]

2. The student and parent or guardian must meet with the designated personnel from Washington School District to determine and select appropriate courses of study that are based on District curriculum, policy, and guidelines.
3. The student and parent or guardian must complete an application for the Cyber Academy and agree to all terms before entry into the program. The application and agreement must be completed each school year.
4. The student and parent or guardian must attend any annual new or returning student orientations.

Enrollment and Change in Class Procedure

5. Subject to the conditions of this Policy, enrollment for the Cyber Academy will be accepted until the fifth day of each semester. In emergency situations only, the Superintendent may grant exceptions to the enrollment deadlines.
6. The Cyber Academy shall follow the same deadlines as the District's brick-and-mortar buildings for students to request course changes. In emergency situations only, the Superintendent may grant exceptions to the deadline for course changes.
7. If a student wishes to return to the District's brick-and-mortar school, they may do so at the beginning of a semester. In emergency situations or at the recommendation of the student's academic team, the Superintendent may grant exceptions.

Acceptance and Continuation in the Program

8. As needed, members of the student's academic team and District administrators will review requests for enrollment into the Cyber Academy. If a student has a history of poor attendance or grades, the team shall meet with the student to discuss the appropriateness of the Cyber Academy.

9. If a student receives special education services, the IEP Team shall convene to discuss whether the Cyber Academy is an appropriate offer of a free appropriate education program (FAPE) that can meet the student's unique needs. If the IEP team disagrees with the parent or guardian, a Prior Written Notice shall be issued outlining the reasons for the District's disagreement. A copy of the Procedural Safeguards Notice shall also be issued to the parent or guardian which outlines their rights. [8] [9] [10]
10. Work completion will be monitored daily and attendance will be based not only on logging in but on completion of work. Valid excuses are required when a student is not in attendance. [11]
11. The Washington School District's attendance policy will be enforced. Students in violation of this Policy will receive the same consequences as students enrolled in the brick-and-mortar program. [11] [12]
12. Students are required to work daily until satisfactory course completion or completion of a grading period.
13. Upon attendance at the Cyber Academy, a student's performance will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and concerns such as lack of attendance and failing grade(s) may be cause for the District to place a student in its brick-and-mortar setting. The Superintendent shall have the final decision on whether a student must return to the District's brick-and-mortar program. [13]

Costs and Materials

14. The District will provide students attending the Cyber Academy an appropriate device at no cost but must adhere to the District's device agreement.
15. Other materials may be provided by the Cyber Academy and are subject to return at the completion of the program or applicable course. Failure to do so will cause the student or parent or guardian to make appropriate restitution.

Academic Integrity

16. The District expects students to complete all required work for the Cyber Academy. Parent or guardian support is appropriate as long as the student is

the primary person completing the assignments. Violations will be subject to discipline per District policy. [5] [6]

Extracurricular Activities and Athletics

17. Unless subject to discipline, students attending the District's Cyber Academy are eligible and encouraged to participate in the District's extracurricular activities and athletics programs. Eligibility is subject to the requirements of the PIAA and District policy. [14]

1. 24 P.S. 510.
2. Policy 001 (Adoption of Policy)
3. 22 Pa Code 4.21.
4. 22 Pa Code 4.11.
5. Policy 516 (Student Discipline)
6. Policy 559 (Student Discipline (Special Education Students))
7. Policy 500 (Admission and Enrollment of Students)
8. 34 CFR 300.101.
9. 34 CFR 303.421.
10. 34 CFR 300.504.
11. Policy 510 (Attendance)
12. 24 P.S. 13-1325, *et seq.*
13. Policy 539 (Code of Student Conduct)
14. Policy 511 (Participation in Extracurricular Activities)