CENTRAL YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION:

PROGRAMS

TITLE:

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

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	141. ONLINE INSTRUCTION
1. Purpose SC 1327	The Board recognizes that computer-based instruction, including cyber-schools, distance learning, blended programs, and interactive software can be effective resources for providing both supplemental and primary academic instruction. To meet the needs of today's students, the Central York School District will offer a selection of blended online course offerings, as well as a comprehensive computer based program of study in the form of Central York School District Cyber Academy compliant with state regulations and district educational policy and guidelines.
SC 1327.1 Pol. 137	The Board shall approve a program of home education, pursuant to law, permitting students to study at home in accordance with Board policy.
	Students enrolled in cyber courses or the Central York School District Cyber Academy shall abide by all applicable school district policies and procedures.
	The Board further recognizes that while the growing use of computer and web-based technology is rapidly changing teaching and learning, guidelines must be established to ensure that such programs comply with Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations, the Pennsylvania School Code, and relevant district policy.
2. Authority SC 1326, 1327, 1327.1 Title 22 Sec. 11.31a Pol. 204	The Board authorizes the development and/or purchase of school district operated and maintained online coursework subject to the provisions of this policy.
3. Definitions Pol. 137, 213, 217	Central York School District Cyber Academy - An educational option in which a student completes most of his/her coursework online through Virtual Learning Network Partners designated by district, usually in the student's home. Participation in the Central York School District Cyber Academy may lead to the awarding of a district diploma. Award of the diploma will be solely contingent on the student meeting all graduation requirements, as defined in district policy and state regulations.

Pol. 818

The third-party vendor is responsible for overseeing and reporting to the Central York School District all aspects of the Central York School District Cyber Academy student's educational program including, but not limited to, attendance, grading, progress monitoring, and instruction.

This program is being offered for students who otherwise would elect to enroll in an out-of-district cyber education program. Graduates of the Central York School District Cyber Academy will be eligible for a Central York School District diploma.

Blended Programs - Instructional options that make use of both traditional classroom instruction and online courses, both of which may be conducted in the school building or in a home setting. In most cases, the Central York School District assumes responsibility for a student's attendance, grading, progress monitoring, and instruction. Use for a blended option may include, but is not limited to, homebound instruction, credit recovery, enrichment, summer school, alternative education, and expulsions.

4. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 102, 105, 105.1, 105.2

The Superintendent or designee shall assume the responsibility for the implementation and facilitation of online coursework offered by the school district that shall be acceptably aligned with state and federal standards and the curriculum of the school district, and for ensuring compliance with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or administrative regulations. The Superintendent or designee shall oversee and monitor the delivery of online instruction to those students enrolled in school district-sponsored cyber coursework.

The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for overseeing the equipment and orientation of the program for the student. The designee will assure grades are submitted and recorded on the student's permanent record card. The designee will also notify the district office and high school office of enrollment or program changes.

5. Guidelines SC 1301, 1302, 1304 Pol. 117, 137.1, 213, 214, 215 The school district may offer blended cyber options and operate an academy consisting entirely of cyber courses in which students can enroll.

Students must be district residents to enroll in online coursework.

The Central York School District Cyber Academy courses and approved online courses shall not count toward class rank or honor roll, but will count for athletic eligibility. The district shall set the weighting for all college courses, online courses, and Central York School District Cyber Academy courses.

The school district shall develop and/or purchase online courses that meet appropriate state and/or federal standards and are compatible with approved school district curricular offerings. All online coordinators and curriculum developers shall abide by all applicable school district policies and procedures.

Any applicable laws and regulations shall be honored with respect to purchased online courses.

Pol. 814

State and federal copyright laws and guidelines shall be adhered to at all times by all participating in the online course process.

Central York School District Cyber Academy Enrollment

Parents/Guardians desiring to enroll their student in the Central York School District Cyber Academy as the major source of coursework must be a district resident whose child is enrolled in one of the grades 3-12. Administrators, guidance counselors, special education directors, teachers, etc., will be included as appropriate for the development of a plan defining course enrollment, deadlines for completion, credits attempted, and any other requirements for completing an online program of study, prior to enrollment. The administrative team has the authority to approve/disapprove admission to the Central York School District Cyber Academy.

Pol. 200

Students will abide by the school district's course selection and withdrawal policies as defined in district policies and school handbooks. A student's grades prior to enrollment in a cyber academy will be proportionally factored into the student's cyber grade when appropriate. Likewise, a student's cyber performance will be considered should a student choose to return to the brick and mortar setting. Seniors may not enroll in the Academy the second semester of their senior year without approval of the Superintendent.

Blended Course Enrollment

Blended online courses serve a variety of purposes and require administrative approval. These purposes include:

Pol. 117

- 1. Homebound Instruction Once a student meets the criteria established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Homebound Instruction, the district may provide online instruction during the period of approved absence at district's expense.
- 2. Credit Recovery The school district may offer credit recovery courses online, as per established school policies and procedures. Students are required to apply any applicable cost for online credit recovery courses and must obtain their own

	online connectivity in order to be able to take online coursework. Compensation for school staff involved in the delivery of credit recovery online coursework shall be at the Board-approved rate(s). Students will not be allowed to accrue credit recovery credits for purposes of early graduation. Online summer school and/or credit recovery remediation courses shall count toward a student's graduation requirements, but will not be included in class rank or GPA.
	3. Enrichment – Online courses may be taken to augment the brick and mortar education of a Central York School District student. When appropriate, college level/AP courses may be scheduled at the student's expense. Required high school courses may not be dropped for purposes of enrollment in enrichment classes.
	Program Participation
	The student shall:
Pol. 127, 217	Participate in all state and district graduation requirements including, but not limited to, assessments, programs of remediation, and graduation projects in accordance with district and Pennsylvania state law and regulations.
	2. Complete all assignments, tests and projects required for completion of each course of study.
	3. Show evidence of engagement through regular attendance and participation in the coursework assigned in accordance with course requirements.
	4. Assume responsibility for communicating with each online teacher.
	5. Schedule and attend monthly meetings with an assigned district liaison to monitor progress and discuss any concerns.
	6. Arrange to take major or culminating assessments identified by the Instructional Planning Team in a proctored setting.
	7. Accept responsibility for the care of district equipment provided and return it promptly when requested.
Pol. 815	8. Comply with the district's Acceptable Use Policy regarding the use of the district's computer and the Internet in the home, if applicable.
	9. The student must report to the brick and mortar school for PSSA testing and any other assessments deemed necessary.

If a student is caught cheating, the student will be removed from the course and receive a failing grade. The student will also be removed from the computer-based program permanently.

The family shall:

- 1. Support your child to ensure success in his/her educational program and with the requirements and expectations listed above.
- 2. Assume responsibility for the cost of repair/replacement of the computer system or damaged parts.
- 3. Maintain regular contact with the district regarding your child's progress and accept responsibility for contacting the district when any problems or disruptions that impact the student's educational program occur.
- 4. Monitor student progress and maintain oversight of your child's educational program and compliance with district policy and guidelines.

Exceptions to the above regulations will be made on a case-by-case basis including, but not limited to, recovery from an accident, documented medical conditions, and extenuating circumstances; however, the administration maintains the right to limit enrollment in the Central York School District Cyber Academy or online coursework as defined by the parameters of this policy.

References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1302, 1304, 1326, 1327, 1327.1

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 11.31a

Board Policy – 102, 105, 105.1, 105.2, 117, 124, 127, 137, 137.1, 212, 213, 214, 215, 215.1, 217, 218, 233, 814, 815, 818