

West Jefferson Hills School District Cyber Academy
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between synchronous and asynchronous?

During synchronous instruction, students are working at the same pace as their classmates with various forms of live instruction, chats, and other forms of communication. Students engaged in asynchronous instruction work at their own pace and at their own time; instruction is provided via pre-recorded videos and other online material.

How does the WJHSD Cyber Academy differ from at home learning through Canvas?

The WJHSD Cyber Academy was piloted during the 2019-2010 school year for students who wanted to participate in distance learning on a part-time or full time basis. WJHSD teachers and administrators monitor and support students as they work at their own pace. Course curriculum is designed by Edgenuity and closely aligned with the skill sets acquired in the traditional classroom. Instruction is provided through pre-recorded videos and online resources. Students in grades 5-12 will utilize the Edgenuity learning platform, and students in grades K-4 will utilize Edgenuity's Compass platform.

Who will be my child's teacher of record?

Highly qualified teachers from the West Jefferson Hills School District, who are properly certified for their subject area, will monitor and support students working through these online courses. In addition to grading assignments, they are available to answer questions and provide feedback and assistance as needed. Teachers for the 2020-2021 school year are listed in the informational section of each application.

Can students in the WJHSD Cyber Academy still participate in sports and other activities?

Yes. Cyber Academy students remain in the district and may participate in sports, events, and other extracurricular activities.

Will my senior receive a diploma from the West Jefferson Hills School District?

Yes. Students of the WJHSD Cyber Academy remain in the district and will receive a TJ Diploma. They are also welcome to participate in commencement and all other ceremonies related to graduation.

Do students in the WJHSD Cyber Academy have to log on at a specific time?

No. The program is asynchronous, so students can work at their own pace at whatever time is convenient for them. Students can work ahead as needed to stay on pace with their coursework.

Where do I send my application?

Send applications to:

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Attention WJHCA

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