# PC Cyber Academy Grades 6-12
## FAQ's
## 2022-2023

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# Will my child be doing the same lessons that are being taught in PC classrooms?

- No, the PC 6-12 Cyber Academy will be using curriculum provided by Imagine Edgenuity that is specifically designed for cyber learning.

- This is not just a list of assignments, but a full cyber curriculum package.

- This curriculum aligns to PA standards and as a whole matches grade level expectations.

# What classes or subjects will be included?

Grade 6-8

**PC Cyber Academy Middle School Curriculum – 2022-2023**

## SIXTH GRADE

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|---|---|
| • English Language Arts 6A<br>• Math 6A<br>• Science 6A<br>• Social Studies 6A<br>• Middle School Fitness Basics 1 | • English Language Arts 6B<br>• Math 6B<br>• Science 6B<br>• Social Studies 6B<br>• CHOICE of ONE of the Following:<br>   Middle School 2D Studio Art 1A<br>   Middle School Digital Art & Design 1A<br>   Middle School Exploring Music 1A<br>• Optional Student Selected Additional Elective May Be Added Semester 2 |

## SEVENTH GRADE

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
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| • English Language Arts 7A<br>• Math 7A<br>• Science 7A<br>• Social Studies 7A<br>• CHOICE of ONE of the Following:<br>   Digital Literacy<br>   Middle School Coding 1A<br>   Middle School Game Design 1A | • English Language Arts 7B<br>• Math 7B<br>• Science 7B<br>• Social Studies 7B<br>• Middle School Health or Health Quest<br>• Optional Student Selected Additional Elective May Be Added Semester 2 |

## EIGHTH GRADE

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|---|---|
| • English Language Arts 8A<br>• Math 8A<br>• Science 8A<br>• Social Studies 8A<br>• CHOICE of ONE of the Following:<br>   Middle School 2D Studio Art 1A<br>   Middle School Digital Art & Design 1A<br>   Middle School Exploring Music 1A<br>   Middle School Journalism 1A | • English Language Arts 8B<br>• Math 8B<br>• Science 8B<br>• Social Studies 8B<br>• Middle School Career Explorations (Choice I, II or III)<br>• Optional Student Selected Additional Elective May Be Added Semester 2 |

# What classes or subjects will be included?

High School courses will be scheduled individually based on:

- Graduation requirements

- Existing schedule

- Block scheduling will be followed.
  - Pacing is quick as a result.

# Are there textbooks?

No, there are generally not textbooks. Instruction in the courses is primarily video based with additional text and links to readings.

Novels for English may be required. We will provide these to borrow as needed.

# Who will be the teacher?

The online teacher will be a certified teacher assigned by

Imagine Edgenuity Instructional Services.

# Does My Child Need A Computer?

- Yes, Penn Cambria will provide a laptop for your child to use while he/she is enrolled in our cyber academy.

# Will My Child Need Internet Access?

- Yes, your child will need high-speed Internet access for several hours each day to participate in the PC Cyber Academy.

# How much time per day will my child have to devote to cyber school?

You can expect a child to work between 4-6 hours a day in order to stay on pace in the classes. This is a full-time school option.

Not all of this will necessarily be online, as some activities may include reading or other work offline as well.

# How will you track attendance?

A student must login and work actively in the online system for at least ONE HOUR (60 minutes) EVERY SCHOOL DAY following the Penn Cambria School Calendar to be marked present for the day.

If your child is not able to login, he/she will be marked absent that day and parents will be asked to provide an excuse as you normally would.

# Can my child participate in Penn Cambria Extra-Curricular Activities?

Yes, your child can participate in extra-curricular activities at Penn Cambria.

Examples:

- Athletics
- Forensics
- Marching Band
- Clubs (outside school day activities)
- Prom

Your child will be required to follow **attendance requirements** and **academic eligibility** if participating in an extra-curricular activity.

# Can my child attend PC Cyber for some classes and come into Penn Cambria for others?

We currently do not offer this option.

However, students may attend Admiral Peary Vo-Tech and attend PC Cyber.

# Can my child work ahead?

Yes, your child can work ahead.

However, just remember that even when working ahead, the student must login and work for 60 minutes in the system each school day to be marked in attendance.

Please know cyber success will depend largely on setting daily schedules, routines, and work expectations for your child

## Edgenuity Grade Information

Edgenuity provides THREE different grades for students. Please see below.

GRADE OVERALL VALUE – This is just the grade based on only those activities that have been completed (no penalty for missing assignments/activities). This grade WILL NOT BE USED and is provided for informational purposes only!

GRADE ACTUAL VALUE – This is an adjusted grade that does show a penalty for falling behind pacing. This shows a better measure of current progress than the overall grade but remember that this grade still doesn't take into total account work that is not complete but should be. *Use caution if a student is behind pace with this! This score will likely be much higher than their final course grade if work is not complete.*

**GRADE RELATIVE VALUE** – This is the **final course grade that will be used for report cards**. It is the grade that the student would receive if he/she stopped working in the course and received a zero for all incomplete activities.

Edgenuity shows three grades, which one should we look at?

# Will we get a report card?

Yes, at the end of the marking period, you will get a report card showing student progress in the PC Cyber Academy.

LETTER Grades in the PC Cyber Academy will be recorded on your student's permanent record card.

# For high school students, will PC Cyber Academy grades count in GPA and class rank?

- Yes, for GPA calculations and class rank, we use our existing/established conversion chart to convert the Edgenuity grades to our grade scale, hand-calculate the updated GPA, and enter it into MMS.

- Please note that there are no weighted grades within the PC Cyber Academy.

# Are there dual enrollment opportunities within the PC Cyber Academy?

- No, there are not dual enrollment courses offered for college credit in the PC Cyber Academy.

- Please note, there are not weighted grades/courses within the PC Cyber Academy.

# Is the orientation meeting mandatory?

- Yes, the individual orientation meeting with your PC mentor is mandatory. Both a parent and the student must attend.

- During that time, the mentor will review how to access courses through the Imagine Edgenuity system, key policies and procedures, set up communication methods, and handle laptop distribution. This can be done virtually or face-to-face.

- If done virtually, alternate plans will be made for laptop sign out.

# How do I schedule the orientation meeting?

Contact 814-886-8121 or email Mrs. Black at BLACKJL@pcam.org

Orientation meetings are being scheduled August 18-August 24, 2022.

# What if I have questions about my child's work?

Your PC mentor will be your main contact and will reach out to you every week to discuss progress and offer support as needed!

Your mentor also will be able to communicate directly with your child's teachers online to get information and help answer your questions.

# What if my child needs extra help?

- Imagine Edgenuity Teacher

- Imagine Edgenuity Instant Concept Coach
  - Online chat – available 6 days a week
  - Core content areas

- PC Mentor

# My child has an IEP and receives special education services. How will these be provided?

Arrangements for services such as speech will be made with the Special Education Office.

The PC mentor and your child's special education teacher will work with the online cyber teacher to make necessary accommodations to coursework.

# What happens when we are ready to transition back to the school building?

The advantage to our Cyber Academy is that our mentor will know what your child has already learned in cyber and where he/she might need more support. The mentor will help communicate that to our classroom teachers to smooth that transition.

If my child enrolls in PC Cyber Academy are we committing to a full year of cyber school?

PC Cyber Academy isn't meant to be a temporary option. It takes time for students to adjust to new routines and to learn new systems.

We **_highly recommend_** that students only enter / leave PC Cyber at the change of a marking period.