

BETHEL PARK ONLINE ACADEMY FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Bethel Park Online Academy?

Bethel Park Online Academy is an Internet-based program that delivers curriculum and instruction via the Internet and a computer.

What grade levels are serviced through Bethel Park Online Academy?

Students in grades 3-12 will be able to enroll in the online academy.

How would my child benefit from attending Bethel Park Online Academy?

The benefits of participating in Bethel Park Online Academy are numerous; from flexible scheduling to access to Bethel Park School District extra-curricular activities and school-sponsored events. In addition, Bethel Park Online Academy students graduate with a Bethel Park School District diploma. With the district's consistently high rankings at local, state, and national levels, a Bethel Park School District diploma is valuable in the college-admission process.

What are the activities that my child would have access to if enrolled in Bethel Park Online Academy?

Bethel Park Online Academy students can participate all of the extra-curricular and school-sponsored activities that are available for students at all levels. Bethel Park Online Academy students may participate with age-appropriate groups.

Is there a cost for my child to attend Bethel Park Online Academy?

Bethel Park Online Academy is an online curriculum delivery system. Since it is part of the public school district, there is no tuition for Bethel Park residents. However, for courses outside the Bethel Park curriculum, the cost of the course must be paid in full by the family.

Is the curriculum accredited?

Yes, Bethel Park Online Academy courses are aligned to the PA State Standards and are taught by PA certified teachers.

How much time will my child spend doing school work during the day/year?

Bethel Park Online Academy follows the school district's calendar. Students in grades K-6 are required to complete 900 hours of instruction and students in grades 7-12 are required to complete 990 hours of instruction. We understand that students work at different paces based on their academic ability. It is recommended that students spend approximately one hour on each subject per day, which is about five hours per day for a 5-day week. With flexible scheduling, this may be stretched over 7 days. Please note that cyber courses are not extended past the school year.

How will my child's progress be monitored?

The Bethel Park Online Academy Facilitator will record grades based on content and skill mastery. Report cards will be issued to Online Academy students on a quarterly basis, consistent with Bethel Park School District reporting procedures. The reporting of pupil progress includes academic progress reports, report cards, and parent conferences. Scheduling of parent conferences should occur at times and places that ensure the greatest degree of participation by parents.

How will my child's progress be reported?

Bethel Park Online Academy embraces the philosophy that online courses should be as rigorous as those taken in the school buildings. These courses will prepare our online students for college. All credits earned in the Bethel Park Online Academy will be recorded as part of each high school student's official Bethel Park School District transcript. Program enrollment will be coded by homeroom assignment and course section number ONLY in the district's internal database.

What I am required to do if my child attends Bethel Park Online Academy?

Bethel Park Online Academy parents are asked to maintain a positive learning environment for their children. In an online environment, this means monitoring their attention to their work, communicating with the program facilitator as well as the teachers, and helping to keep the computer equipment in good working order.

What are the requirements for graduation?

In order to earn a Bethel Park School District diploma, Bethel Park Online Academy students must meet the same graduation requirements.

Minimum Requirements for Bethel Park Online Academy Graduation

Class of 2013 and Beyond

<i>Courses</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Math	4.0
Science	4.0
Fine/Practical Arts	2.0
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1.0
Electives	7.5
TOTAL	27.0

Is there a graduation ceremony?

Bethel Park Online Academy graduates may participate in the Bethel Park School District Graduation ceremony in June.