School District of **Lancaster**

Cyber
Pathways
Academy

Together We Can!

Our Agenda

- Overview of the SDoL expansion of the Cyber Pathways Academy (formerly known as the Lancaster Cyber Program)

  - Pathway highlights
  - Unique features
  - Enrollment process

Kindergarten to Grade 5 Expansion

- Addition of Accelerate Education vendor courses
  - Upon logging in, students will see a **dashboard** with course cards, to do lists, and activity stream
  - Inside every courses there is a resource module for the **Learning Coach (Parent/Guardian)** to learn more about their role as well as how to navigate, support and prepare their child for the lesson
  - **Synchronous/live** and **asynchronous/pre-recorded** sessions to maximize learning
  - Use of various learning resources and modes with **weekly progress report updates**

Suggested schedule: A sample day for K-3

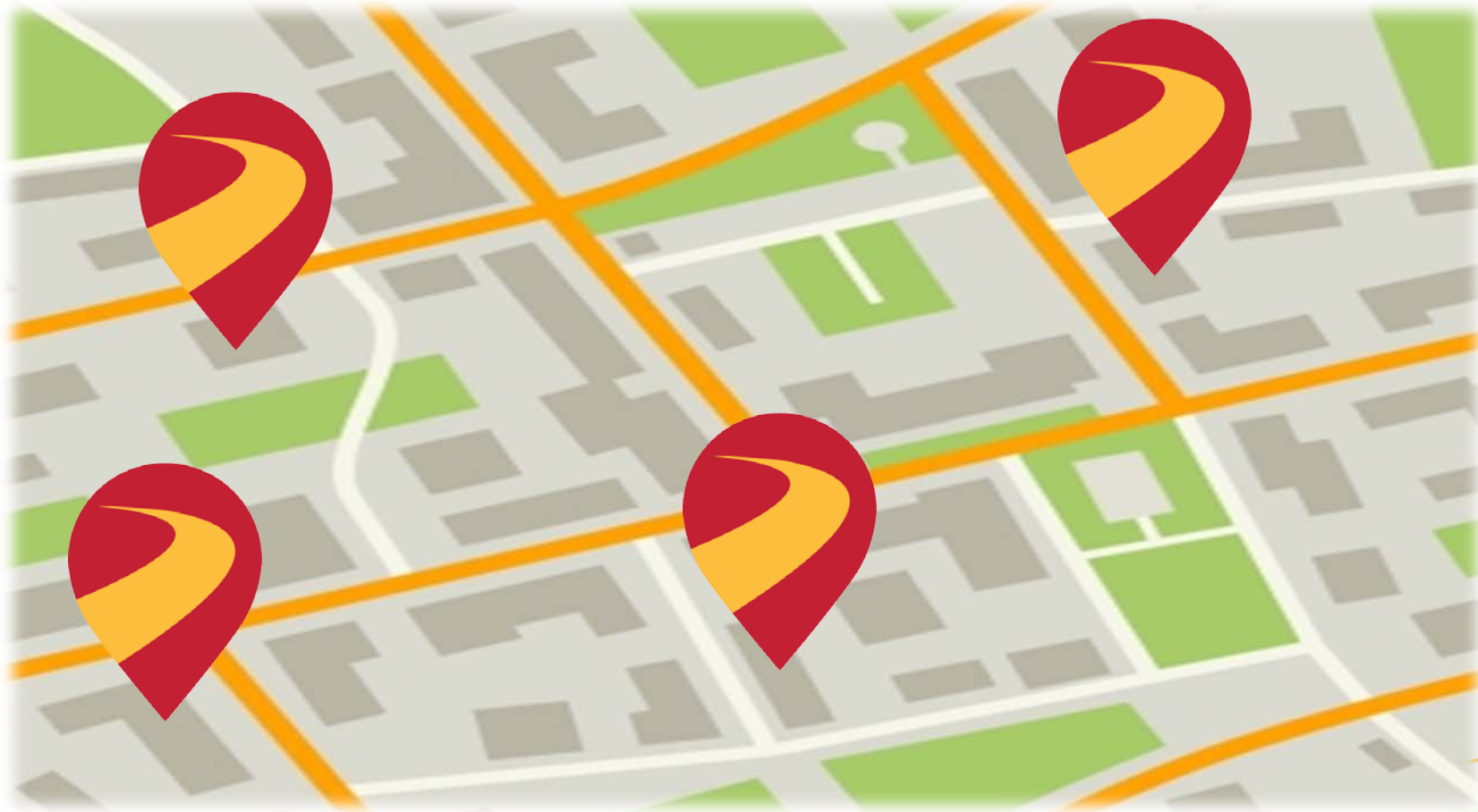| Subject	Suggested Time
Morning Meeting (discuss calendar, weather, lessons for the day)	15-20 minutes
Language Arts	60-75 minutes
Snack/Brain Break (play a game, exercise, move around!)	20 minutes
Mathematics	45-60 minutes
Lunch/Free Play	40 minutes
Science	30-45 minutes
Brain Break	10 minutes
Social Studies	30-45 minutes
Brain Break	10 minutes
Electives (Art, Music, etc.)	30 minutes
Afternoon Meeting (discuss learning, activities and supports)	15-20 minutes

Students at Cyber Pathways Academy...

- receive instruction by PA certified teachers through an **alternative platform**.

- have regular **check-ins** with SDoL advisors who are PA certified and experienced teachers for tracking programs and providing support.

- can take advantage of in-person **tutoring** at our elementary hubs throughout the city as well as at our main hub an SDoL Cyber Pathways Academy Academic Advisor.

- can talk to our dedicated **college and career planners** and make sure they are on track for life after high school.

- can check in with our **live** online tutoring from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Elementary Hubs

Did you know about these additional options and details for students at Cyber Pathways Academy?

- **Participation in district sports, band, clubs, plays, field trips, extracurricular activities, and graduation ceremony**

- Over 300 course options to meet students' academic needs in grades K-12, including NCAA-approved courses

- Free **equipment** for full-time students: computer, headset, power cord, backpack, and school supplies

- **Internet** Reimbursement for full-time students with issued equipment

- Technical support for students and parents/guardians through new student orientations and training

- Attendance at homecoming, prom, and other school dances

- Accessibility to Career and Technology Centers and counselor services

- Flexibility to the standard school day with **access to courses 24/7** for students who want to accelerate

Role of the Learning Coach (Parent/Guardian) is to:

- Guide the student through the lessons as needed

- Discuss concepts being taught

- Assist with interactive tools and games

- Oversee assignments

- Help facilitate hands-on learning that may be in the course

- Check for understanding on assignments

- Keep the student on schedule and on pace

- Ensure all components of the course are being completed with fidelity (independent reading, novel studies, practice activities, etc.)

- Communicate with the teacher as needed

★ **Understanding the importance of your role as a Learning Coach is key to the success of your student.**

As a Learning Coach, you are committed to helping your student go beyond what is online and bringing those concepts to life!

Advanced Placement (AP) / International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Course offerings do include AP courses, but placement and scheduling into these courses is dependent on course history and academic plan
    - These courses are self-guided and require additional materials
- Students can be part time students at Cyber Pathways Academy for advanced credit, in addition to their full high school schedule in a traditional building
- IB coursework is available only at the McCaskey Campus, but can be blended with Cyber courses
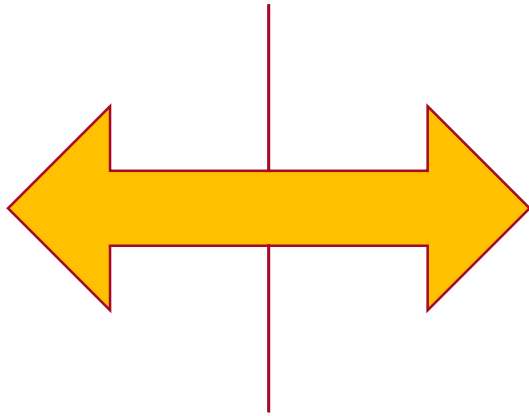
Expectations

- Students are expected to **remain** in Cyber Pathways Academy for an entire school year
  - If necessary, t**ransitions** between Cyber Pathways Academy and traditional buildings are only made at the change of marking periods and frequent transitions within one year are not feasible
- Parents/Guardians serve as the Learning Coach and are **active partners** in the learning process
- Being a student at Cyber Pathways Academy is <u>not</u> less **time** or less **work**
  - Successful students at Cyber Pathways Academy are highly **organized** and **self-motivated**
- Accommodations can be made for services related to **Special Education, English Learners, and physical disabilities**
  - Communication with the Cyber Pathways Academy team and related service providers is essential in order to determine reasonable and appropriate possibilities

Transitions

Cyber Pathways Academy provides standards-aligned and rigorous replacement courses, which are not identical to the curriculum and instruction in traditional buildings.

Transitions should be carefully considered and would be completed based on the district calendar (i.e. marking periods) for the academic and social benefit of the student.

Cyber Pathways Academy vs. Cyber Charter Schools

Cyber Pathways Academy	Cyber Charter Schools
Receive individualized and personal support for **maximum student achievement**	**Limited** in-person tutoring, but **only in places** like Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh
Part of your **local school district**, not a private business located in a different city	Take millions in **tax dollars away from your school** district to fund marketing and recruiting efforts
Remain an SDoL student with all the **benefits and supports** of our school community.	**Leave SDoL** for a new school, likely one of the lowest-performing in PA

What should I do if I'm interested in the Cyber Pathways Academy?

- Review the additional information available on the SDoL website (www.sdlancaster.org), including a *Frequently Asked Questions* section

- Complete the survey on the website and explain your inquiry

- Submit the application in a timely manner

- For additional questions, reach out to your student's school counselor or another staff member in the school

Applications, student/family interviews, and enrollments will be processed in the order they are received. Please note that students who apply after Monday, August 10 may experience a delayed start in Cyber Pathways Academy.

Recognition of inquiries and completed applications will be sent via email within three business days of receipt.