



JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jersey Shore Online Learning

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can enroll?

The courses are available to students in grades K-12 who are seeking a completely online cyber school education that is done from home.

What computer skills do students need?

It is expected that students will have basic computer skills such as knowledge of Internet navigation, word processing, and email. An orientation will be provided to all students and parents in the use of the software systems prior to the start of classes.

How do I get Help/Support for technology problems?

If you are having trouble with a district-provided device, help/support is available by calling the district technology office. If you are having trouble with the online learning program, you will be shown how to contact them with questions during your virtual orientation

What if I want to use my own computer?

Courses can be accessed from any computer or device. Students who choose to use their own computers will not be able to use technical support services offered through the school.

Will I earn a High School diploma?

Yes, your student will earn a diploma from the Jersey Shore Area School District if all District policies are followed and courses requirements are met.

Will textbooks be provided?

Most cyber courses have everything you need online. If your course comes with materials or hard copy books, that information will be provided to you.

How do students do lab work for science courses?

Labs are performed in a flash-based virtual environment where students can easily experience the concepts and extend their exploration beyond the lesson.

How much time should I spend on my online courses to be successful?

Cyber courses contain the same content that you would receive in a traditional school so you should plan to spend about 5-6 hours a day, 5-days a week, on your courses. Of course, some courses will require more time than others and the amount of time a course requires depends largely on what you are trying to accomplish. There is no “right” answer to this question so you should consult with your facilitator regularly to be sure you are working at a pace and level of achievement to be successful. The expectation is that log-in to the classes daily and stay up-to-date with the required work for all subjects in which you are enrolled.

How do students meet Physical Education requirements?

Physical education requirements can be met by taking courses delivered through the Cyber program.

How will my student interact with and be supported by the District?

The key to a student's academic success in JSOL is the student. The Program Administrator's primary goal is to make sure each one of his/her students is making progress and meeting or exceeding their academic goals. If the Program

Administrator sees a student getting off track, it will be addressed immediately, with the student, parent, and instructors as necessary. Students are also supported by online Instructors who help to instruct the students and give feedback on performance.

How do I get help when I have a question about something in my courses?

Any time you have a question about anything in your courses, you should contact the facilitator/instructor for that course. Every course has information about how you should do this – for example, sometimes they recommend e-mail, sometimes they have online ‘office hours’, etc. Be sure to follow the recommended steps for the particular course you need help with

Are your teachers certified?

Yes, all Online Instructional Staff are Pennsylvania certified and highly qualified to teach their subjects.

Are students required to take standardized tests?

Yes, all students are required to take the same state-mandated exams through the district.

Will there be opportunities for socialization and extracurricular activities?

Students taking online courses remain enrolled in JSASD, so they are eligible to participate in social and extracurricular activities in accordance with school policies.

Are online courses easier for students than regular courses?

Most online courses are not condensed or easier versions of regular courses. They are aligned to rigorous state standards. They require active participation and operate in settings under supervision of state-certified teachers, require students to take state assessment tests, have attendance policies, and have competency-based academic progress requirements in effect. They require high levels of initiative to complete.

Will the curriculum be the same as what my child would have taken?

The classes taken are the same and are aligned as much as possible. For example, if the student would have taken Algebra 1 in the building, they would take Algebra 1 online.

Will my child have JSASD teachers?

To the extent possible, courses will use JSASD teachers, if not all teachers used have PA certificates.

How is attendance determined for JSOL students?

Students are expected to log-in to the JSOL program daily (M-F) and complete work in all of their assigned classes in order to make sufficient progress so that classes are completed by the end of the marking period. Students who do not log-in and complete work daily will receive an unexcused absence. Families taking trips may submit an Educational Trip Form to the appropriate school. Medical and other excuses can be provided to the appropriate school office when necessary. Students with excessive absences or who fail to complete the courses in a timely manner will be withdrawn at the end of the marking period.