



High School Cyber Program

Frequently Asked Question's

What is a learning community?

A learning community is where the home, school, and church work together to provide a safe, supportive, and spiritual educational atmosphere for our children. The QCS high school program fits that educational model.

What makes this high school different?

The high school at QCS is not your traditional run-of-the-mill school where the students are taught by a single teacher in front of the class. Yes, they do spend the day in a traditional-style classroom at the QCS campus where a teacher is in the room, but instead of a lecture-style setting, the students are part of and work in a much larger cyber-school community. QCS partners with each family, and them with Pennsylvania's largest cyber charter school, to create this unique high school.

QCS completes the program by offering wraparound services such as daily Bible classes, Phys Ed, Art, Music, Athletics, and a sense of community/member of an extended family. Each student reports to school with their computers and completes both the PA Cyber portion and QCS offerings during a regular school day. The teacher facilitates the day and ensures the students are completing their assigned work.

What computer skills do I need to be successful?

Students do not need to have an extensive knowledge of computers to be successful at this program. The QCS teacher and PA Cyber's trained technical staff have the ability to walk students through problems they may encounter using their new computer.

Through PA Cyber, students are provided with a computer, multi-purpose printer, high speed internet connection (reimbursement), curriculum, textbooks, technical support, and a Pennsylvania certified teacher who monitors each student's progress.

Is it an accredited high school program?

Yes, all PA Cyber curricula are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

What courses are offered through PA Cyber?

What makes this program even more attractive is the extensive course selection as compared to any ordinary traditional high school. A complete course catalogue can be viewed and printed from the PA Cyber website at:

<http://www.pacyber.org/families/course-catalog.aspx>

Is there a teacher in the classroom?

Yes, a certified Christian high school teacher is in the classroom to assist the students in all aspects of their academic, character and spiritual development. In addition to the QCS teacher, PA Cyber assigns an Instructional Supervisor (IS) who works with the family, QCS teacher, and student to ensure their success and provide guidance.

What if my child needs a tutor?

As a PA Cyber student, your child has access to their online tutoring program that offers a live certified teacher in most all subjects. The tutoring program is available for most of the day M-F with four hours for Math on Saturdays. The students log onto the open tutoring and communicate verbally with the teacher through the use of the Internet.

In addition, QCS faculty can be utilized to fill that role. If further tutoring assistance is desired, an outside licensed tutor can be made available.

How many students are in each classroom?

The ideal size of a class is 18. Following construction of the high school wing of the QCS main campus, each state-of-the-art high school class will house between 30-40 students per classroom.

Will my child be on the computer all day?

No. Below is an example of the daily schedule for a normal week of the high school program.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 - 8:40	Homeroom				
8:40 - 9:30		Phys Ed		Phys Ed	Service Project or PA Cyber
9:30 - 10:30	PA Cyber Core Subjects				
10:30 - 11:15			Art		
11:15 - 12:00	Devotions & Lunch				
12:00 - 12:50		Music			Service Project or PA Cyber
12:50 - 2:05	PA Cyber Core Subjects				
2:05 - 2:55	Spiritual Development		Chapel	Spiritual Development	
3:00	Dismissal				

As you can see, the students have a varied schedule with ample amount of time to complete their coursework during the day. If more time is needed on any subject matter, the student can also work from home during the evenings and weekends.

What extra-curricular programs are available?

Students can choose to participate in QCS music, chorus, drama, girls & boys soccer, field hockey, girls & boys basketball, girls & boys volleyball, club badminton, and track & field. In addition, all PA Cyber students may elect to participate in any of the extracurricular activities of their home school district pending acceptance by that school.

How will my child's progress be monitored?

The progress of a student is monitored through both the QCS teacher and the Instructional Supervisor (IS) assigned by PA Cyber. Parents receive bi-weekly reports through the use of an emailed classroom update and status of grades. In addition, parents have immediate access via the Internet to the student's grades and can review all work submitted at any time.

How is attendance monitored?

Attendance is monitored by the student's Instructional Supervisor (IS), a Pennsylvania certified teacher, using an internet based system. Attendance in QCS is taken daily by the on-site teacher. If a student is not meeting both PA Cyber and QCS requirements, the family will be contacted immediately to address the situation. Students are required to log onto PA Cyber at least 180 days for credit for that year.

What are the Christian service components to the program?

The self-paced curriculum allows the class to use Fridays as a day of service to the community. The students have served at the Souderton Mennonite Homes, the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission in Philadelphia, and at the elementary/middle school of QCS. They serve on a regular weekly rotation at these ministries and will continue through the entire school year.

Is there a gifted program?

PA Cyber follows Chapter 16 of the state guidelines concerning gifted students. They meet those guidelines by allowing students to accelerate through their curriculum at a faster pace, therefore graduating earlier. Students do have the option of enrolling in college courses through the local participating community colleges.

Is bussing available for the high school students?

Bussing is available through an arrangement with Upper Bucks Christian School where our students are transported utilizing their system for a nominal fee. Pick-up and drop-off locations vary throughout the area.

Some parents choose to "carpool" and are always seeking other families to join.

What does it cost to attend the QCS High School program?

Tuition into the QCS High School program is the same rate as the elementary and middle schools. The tuition is for the wrap-around services and NOT the PA Cyber curriculum. Please see the main office for tuition rates and financial aid opportunities.

What are the requirements for graduation?

To graduate from PA Cyber and earn a state of Pennsylvania diploma, a student must successfully complete 4 credits in Language Arts, 4 credits in Social Studies, 3 credits in Math, 3 credits in Science, 1 credit in Health, 1 credit in Physical education, 2 credits in Fine Arts, 3-1/2 Elective credits, Submission of Graduation Project.

To earn the QCS High School Program certificate, the student must complete 4 credits in Bible, 4 credits of service, 1 credit in Physical education, .5 credit in Health, 2 credits in Fine Arts, and Senior Speech.

Will my child receive a diploma and walk through a graduation ceremony?

Students who graduate from the QCS high school program will receive a diploma from PA Cyber upon completing all necessary graduation requirements. QCS holds a graduation ceremony in early June for all graduating seniors and their families.

PA Cyber also offers graduating seniors a pre-ceremony celebration in order to meet their graduating classmates and teachers. They also hold a graduation ceremony at the end of the year at a location to be determined each year.