

LH's Cyber / CSI Program Information

Current LH Liaison

- Mr. Pete Williams
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What is it?

- Students who are unable to attend school face-to-face for various reasons would be able to attend our LH Cyber program.
- Students will be loaned the technology to access grade level appropriate course(s) guided by a PA teacher. (The courses are instructed by an LH teacher or another local school district teacher.)
- Courses are taught asynchronously, which means students will log onto a program and access their courses at their pace. Assignments will not be released all at once; they will be released gradually.
- Plan ahead as it may take up to 2 weeks for a student to be placed in our LH Cyber program due to meetings, paperwork, accessing technology, orientation, etc.
- Students will only be admitted at the start of the 9 weeks. In addition, students will only return to face-to-face education at the end of the 9 weeks. This is important as it impacts student grading.
- Please note: **LHSD has the right to remove students from our cyber program** for various reasons including being in danger of failing.

What should I know?

- Cyber school is NOT for every child. Cyber can be more difficult than traditional face-to-face learning because students must be independent, motivated learners--This means they will need to do much of the program on their own.
- LHSD has been converting current courses to cyber options. Many high school courses and some middle school courses have been converted with the exception of AP Courses and some Honors courses.
- Students' schedule will be made up of LH courses first and filled in with other courses already created by local teachers from other school districts.
- Please note it costs LH approximately \$8,500.00 per student to attend our LH Cyber program per year.
- Students will be charged for the technology if they do not return it. Students and/or parents must return the technology to Mr. Williams and will receive a receipt of return.
- Face-to-Face learning provides the best learning experiences for students---cyber learning should be used as a temporary need.
- Cyber can be more difficult on elementary students, and not recommended. Elementary (and quite honestly, all level of students) need support at home..

Why should I attend?

- Students have the opportunity to earn the Laurel Highlands diploma, not a cyber diploma.
- Students will have closer contact with LH staff, but not as much as face-to-face.
- Students will be supported by LH staff as available.
- Students who attend an outside cyber program can cost the district up to \$26,000 per year per student.



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Procedures for enrolling:

- *Parents must notify their building principal of their interest in attending our LH Cyber.*
- *An Exit Interview is completed by your counselor, principal, cyber liaison, etc.*
- *If approved, you will be notified by Mr. Williams. Your counselor will be contacted by Mr. Williams in order to create a schedule for you based on the students' current courses and/or needs.*
- *Once approved, both parent and student must attend a mandatory face-to-face Orientation. The orientation will be completed by Mr. Williams in which he will explain the program and the use of your technology being issued.*
- *Students should log in prior to leaving to ensure that the technology works properly.*

Technology Used:

- *Students will be loaned a computer, wand scanner, and WIFI access point.*
- *Our technology platform is Moodle. (Similar to Canvas, Google Classroom, etc.)*
- www.csi.iu1.org web page
- *Students are not to use the technology for non-school work.*
- *We ask that parents monitor their child's use of the technology and of completing assignments.*
- *Log In information*
 - *Username: first name last name (no spaces or capital letters)*
 - *johndoe*
 - *Password: last name last 4 digits of pass secure id (no spaces or capital letters)*
 - *Doe2499*
- *All technology must be returned after exiting the program, or being removed. Students and/or parents must return the technology to Mr. Williams and will receive a receipt of return.*
- *If technology is not returned, LHSD may file charges against the student/parent.*



Once Students are Enrolled:

- *Students must log in using the information provided.*
- *Students are required to click on homeroom daily for attendance.*
- *Students will need to log in daily to access their courses and assignments.*
- *Students must complete assignments daily. (Again, we ask that parents monitor their child's completion of school assignments.)*
- *If students have questions regarding assignments, they should email their online teacher immediately.*
- *If students are not logging in or completing assignments, parents may be contacted by Mr. Williams.*

Course Options can be discussed with Mr. Williams and the LH Counselors.