

Fairfield Area Cyber Education (FACE) Frequently Asked Questions

Enrollment

1. When can I enroll my student in FACE?
 - Enrollment will begin on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 and close on Friday, August 21, 2020.
2. How do I enroll my student in FACE?
 - Enrollment forms will be posted on the district website in the section dedicated to FACE.
 - Each school building (High, Middle, Elementary) will have their own unique section within FACE that will include all necessary forms for enrollment along with other information
 - For EACH student you enroll in FACE, you must complete the
 - i. FACE Enrollment Form AND
 - ii. Change of Status Form
 - Both of these forms are available for you to complete, save, and email electronically OR to print and return via mail or drop off at the district office.

Elementary and Middle School - Edgenuity courseware

1. What courses/educational content are available for students through Edgenuity?
 - Elementary and Middle school students will be using the Pathblazer program through Edgenuity, which allows for a greater flexibility and customization for learning.
 - Students will receive a range of content that includes core subjects (language arts, math, social studies, and science).
 - Content for each student will be based on the appropriate grade level as well as state standards.
 - How much time should students spend working on their online coursework each day?
 - i. Elementary school students: 3 to 3.5 hours daily
 - ii. Middle school students: 4 to 4.5 hours dailyThese numbers are an average - some grades may require more time depending on the work assigned.
2. How much time should parents/guardians prepare to work with their students on their online coursework each day?
 - There is no set amount of time - each parent/guardian can make that decision based on the needs of the student(s). However, younger students may require more assistance and guidance.
3. What supports are available in Edgenuity for students?
 - Digital highlighters, digital calculators, read aloud features, note-taking features, pacing guides, and more
4. What supports are available in Edgenuity for parents?
 - Edgenuity is continually working on videos and various resources for parents.
 - Parents may also work directly with their student(s) teacher(s) for assistance/resources.

5. How much time will students be on the computer versus completing offline work?
 - This will depend on the course and assignments. The above time averages (see question/answer #2) are for mostly online work; teachers may also assign offline work, which will vary.
6. How are instructional materials provided to students (like workbooks)? Are workbooks printed or digital?
 - Workbooks are available in a digital or printed format.
7. How is student work submitted for grading?
 - All student work is submitted electronically through the Edgenuity program.
8. How much interaction will students have with the teacher?
 - Students will not receive live direct instruction. Video instruction is provided through the Edgenuity platform. The teacher monitor will answer student questions and provide feedback.
9. Is there a “demo account” for parents to preview the program?
 - No, there is not. Edgenuity does not provide this service.
 - The Edgenuity website does include various videos that give an overview of elements of the program. **Please note:** These videos are designed to give a broad overview of the program - Fairfield’s format/procedures may be slightly different as our elementary and middle schools work to personalize the program.
 - Video library link: <https://www.edgenuity.com/video-library/>
 - i. Suggested Videos: Edgenuity's Instructional Services for K-5 and The Edgenuity Student Experience

High School - PLATO courseware

1. Can students participate in Adams County Technical Institute (ACTI) and/or participate in dual enrollment at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) and also enroll in FACE?
 - Yes; students can participate in both of these educational programs and enroll in FACE. Student schedules will be created to ensure proper credits are earned toward graduation requirements.
2. Will students have the exact same schedule in FACE as they would have in the brick-and-mortar school setting?
 - This will vary by student and his/her schedule. Not every high school course offered in the building is available in the PLATO program.
3. Has the PLATO program been updated in the past few years to handle the higher amount of students that use the program across the country?
 - Yes; we have had no issues with the PLATO program and the growing popularity of online education. Please keep in mind that any online program may experience difficulties as schools begin a new year, but many updates have occurred to the program as recently as this summer.
4. What is the availability of teachers to answer questions concerning coursework at the high school?
 - Teachers will be available to students to answer questions daily; the time of day will vary based on the teacher’s schedule within the school building.

General

1. If my student is enrolled in FACE, must they remain in the program for the entire school year?
 - No. By enrolling your student in the Fairfield Area Cyber Education (FACE) program, you are agreeing for your student to remain in the program for at least one marking period/grading quarter (nine [9] weeks in duration) as indicated on the approved school calendar for the academic year. At the conclusion of the marking period/quarter, you may choose to change your student's status to return to brick and mortar education in the appropriate Fairfield Area School District building. Please notify the district Cyber Coordinator with your desire to change your student's educational program two (2) weeks prior to the end of the marking period/grading quarter in order for your student's transfer to occur.
2. Are students able to work on their FACE coursework/assignments at any time of the day? Is work time flexible for my student?
 - Yes. Students may work on their FACE classes at any time of the day that best suits their needs and the needs of their family. Students may also work at their own pace; all FACE programs also offer pacing guides to assist students in staying on track to complete their work in a timely manner.
3. Will my student still participate in standardized testing (PSSA, Keystone, etc.)?
 - Administration will communicate all standardized testing information and procedures with you as decisions are made at the state and local levels throughout the school year.
4. If my student enrolls in FACE, what is the starting date?
 - Students will begin work on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 as stated on the school calendar. Students will also follow the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year (end of marking period dates, etc.).

Technology

1. Will the district provide the proper technology for students to complete cyber work?
 - Yes. Each student enrolled in FACE will be provided with a school-issued Chromebook on which to complete their coursework.
 - More information will be forthcoming concerning technology, required forms to be completed, pick-up arrangements, etc.

Learning Support

1. Will my student's IEP/504 plan be honored while enrolled in FACE?
 - Yes. Mr. Watkins, the District Special Education Director, will assist students and families with these needs.

Extra Curricular Activities/Athletics

1. Can my student still participate in extracurricular activities (dances, prom, play/musical, etc.) and athletics while enrolled in FACE?
 - Yes. Students are fully eligible to participate in athletics (pending PIAA mandates) and are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities (pending the status of these events throughout the school year).

Questions Regarding FACE

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