What are the characteristics of successful online learners?

Are you:
• Good at typing/keyboarding?
• Self-motivated and self-disciplined?
• Aware that online education is time consuming?
• Aware that online learning gets easier after you get used to it?
• Able to “see the big picture” and breakdown your work accordingly?

Can you:
• Work from written directions?
• Communicate well through writing?
• Think ideas through before you write/respond?
• Learn without the face-to face interactions found in traditional classrooms?
• Accept critical thinking and decision making as part of the learning process?

Do you:
• Complete assignments on time?
• Set goals and take responsibility?
• Have a learning style that is conducive to online learning?
• Know your technical skills and your technical limitations?

Will you:
• Participate regularly?
• Apply what you learn?
• Log on to your course every day?
• Set aside a workspace to aid in studying?
• Speak up immediately if you are having problems?
• Print up lectures and reading materials when necessary?
• Have patience and back up plans in case of technical difficulties?

History of Distance Education at Conewago Valley School District

1991-1992
CVSD begins sending compressed video to other high schools

1993-1994
CVSD Distance Education Lab opened in the high school library

1998-1999
CVSD begins receiving compressed video college classes

1999-2000
CVSD accepts online college coursework completed by a student

2000-2001
CVSD teaches first online class

2001-2002
CVSD accepts online graduate coursework completed by a teacher

2002-2003
CVSD begins receiving online high school classes

2004-2005
CVSD organizes Conewago Blended Academy

2005-2006
First completely online student graduates from CVSD & Third-Party course providers are used to enhance curriculum offerings

2006-2007
CVSD wins blendedschools.net conference award for “Program Innovation”

2011-2012
CBA emphasizes local staff for coverage for online classes and increases the personal experience of online learners

Summer 2012, 2013
CBA offers a highly successful online summer school program
Through the Conewago Blended Academy (CBA), the Conewago Valley School District (CVSD) is able to offer many different online courses to satisfy student needs and specific situations. Some students take only one course in addition to their face-to-face coursework and others choose to take most or all of their courses online.

Taking courses online is more difficult than taking them in person. With this in mind, we pride ourselves on responding as quickly as possible in the blended academy. This personalized service is something that you may not receive at a cyber charter school. There are almost a dozen cyber charter schools in the state of Pennsylvania. Each of them have different rules and results. We are proud of our district’s ability to make Average Yearly Progress (AYP) at a time when three of the four largest cyber charter schools are failing to make AYP.

Many students who have withdrawn from our school district to enroll in cyber charter school have returned. Additionally, some students have withdrawn and enrolled in cyber charter schools and then failed to do their work. They are then dismissed from the cyber charter school and sent back to their home district. This causes a serious problem for the student, parent and the district in that they transfer into CVSD with failing grades which negatively impacts their final grades at CVSD.

Course tutors and staff are CVSD employees and are available for face-to-face consultation, via e-mail or via phone.

Computers are lent to our families on an as needed and as available basis.

Evening and weekend tech support.

Students who transition back into CVSD are more comfortable because they already have a connection with one or more staff members.

Avoid lengthy orientation process and time off task due to CBA’s fast response time.

You remain a Colonial!

Benefits of CBA

Students are still members of CVSD and may take participate in all activities, clubs, sports programs, co-curricular and extra curricular activities.

Students do not need to go to “regional testing centers” to complete standardized testing, it is all done at CVSD.

Currently we utilize Odysseyware, a web-based curriculum that is available 24/7.

To preview content, please go to: www.odysseyware.com/products/courses/middle-and-high-school

We have also utilized the following third-party course providers in the past in order to offer a comprehensive curriculum:

- Lincoln Interactive
- Keystone National High School
- Keystone National Middle School
- BYU Independent Study
- K12.com

Courses are offered based on coverage and availability.

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