

Elementary Cyber FAQ's

1. What does a typical day look like for a student taking BVA courses?

Taking courses online creates a unique opportunity for flexibility in what your student's day will look like. Courses are available any day at any time as long as you have access to the internet. Knowing that children tend to do best with routine, it is recommended to establish a set schedule that will work for your family.

*You should plan for approximately 40 minutes per subject with some breaks scheduled in as well.

2. What support will my student receive for BVA courses?

Aside from your amazing teachers at Lake-Lehman, your student will be assigned a BVA Teaching Support Assistant (TA). Your TA will keep you in the loop with emails and phone calls and will be an excellent resource for questions and tips for success.

3. When are assignments due?

Your student's assignment due dates will be listed within the courses. There is no penalty for late assignments, however, it is best practice to be in the habit of submitting assignments on or before the due dates. The due dates are meant to help your student stay on pace. When a student continually misses deadlines, it can cause unneeded stress to try to catch back up.

4. How will my student keep pace in BVA coursework?

Your student will be guided to stay on pace through due dates and deadlines. Your student's TA will also be helping your student stay on pace through emails and phone calls.

5. When can my student access BVA courses?

Students can access courses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

6. How will I know how my student is progressing?

You will receive weekly progress reports on your student's pacing and grades. You will also have your own login information to check on your student's progress within the course platform.

7. How much time will I need to be actively engaged with helping my student with coursework?

The amount of time that you will need to be available for your student is difficult to predict and will depend on your child specifically. Generally, the younger the student, the more time may be needed. The courses are designed so that students can work relatively independently. Lessons can be read aloud through the learning platform, but students who are not yet reading and writing will need a little more assistance with things like downloading/uploading assignments.

8. What if I have more than one student working online in different grades?

Again, the amount of time you will need to be available for assistance will depend on your individual students and their ages.

9. Will it be a different pace than the students in the physical classroom?

Students can work at their own pace in the online setting so this alone can create a different pace than the physical classroom. This added independence and freedom can help students thrive.

10. When you say the curriculum is aligned does that mean that the cyber student is getting the same lessons that the face to face student is?

The courses can be modified so the content is covered in a very similar sequence as the Lake-Lehman curriculum maps and guidelines. The material(s) used are different from face to face or live stream students.

11. Will the cyber students be learning the same material/lessons as the students attending in person or live streaming? Or are cyber lessons totally different?

All students receive content aligned with the Pennsylvania standards. The materials used to deliver the content are different between in person and cyber.

12. If a student starts the year in the classroom and after a few weeks would like to change to virtual, do they have to start from day 1 lesson 1 section A?

The cyber teacher will make any necessary changes to the modules as needed.

13. What if a student starts with the online choice? Can the student easily return to the classroom?

The student can return to the classroom with a smooth transition. Our L-L cyber teachers work hand in hand with our traditional classroom teachers. We do ask that you try to have some consistency for the student and transition near the start of the new quarter if needed.

14. Will the students receive technology devices from Lake-Lehman?

Yes, the Lake-Lehman School District will provide Chromebooks.

From the chat section:

11:16:32 From Brandenburg : Can you go over uploading an assignment again? To submit?

I will do this on a video. (I did this in both videos.)

11:16:58 From Morgan Sadowski : Do the students receive any instructor/student time? Any peer to peer interaction?

The Lake-Lehman School District can and will create their own schedule where teachers will communicate daily with students. At the current time we do not have "live" built into the cyber option. It is up to teachers as to the level of peer interaction which is created and allowed.

11:17:01 From Krissy Sassi : How will the Lake Lehman teachers be involved with this process?

The L-L cyber teachers have a class of cyber students and will monitor assignments, work completed and communicate with the student and family.

11:17:22 From Kate Cronin : Is a student's progress based on 1/2 year or is it broken down into 1/4 of the year?

Progress reports are sent on a weekly basis. Grades can be converted into 9 week marking period segments.

11:17:23 From James's iPad : what does a typical day look like. Do they have daily assignments due? Can you complete work in evenings or on weekends?

Part of the beauty of virtual learning is there is flexibility of being able to work on lessons at their own pace and time table. Students can work in the evening, weekends, and during the day. Student progress can be based on a bar graph to observe if students are staying on pace. The bar graph is highlighted in red and green. I would suggest spending 40 minutes to one hour daily on English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

11:18:27 From Brandenburg : Thanks!

11:18:34 From Sarrah Pease : James, students can complete work any day or time that they have access to the internet. It makes completing work very flexible!

11:18:36 From Nicole Matreselva : How will our LL teachers be involved? Is it their actual grade teacher from their elem school?

The number of L-L cyber teachers and grade levels will be determined at a future time after registrations are completed.

11:18:58 From Carrie : If a student starts the year in the classroom and after a few weeks would like to change to virtual, do they have to start from day 1 lesson 1 section A

11:19:37 The L-L cyber teachers will be able to edit the modules as needed.

11:20:36 From Grayden : Will the cyber students be learning the same material/lessons as the students attending in person or live streaming? Or are cyber lessons totally different?

The virtual content can and will be amended to be in alignment with the scope and sequence of the Lake-Lehman School District. However, the resources from which the content is provided will be different from the traditional/live stream.

11:20:38 From Autumn's iPhone : what is the difference between doing virtual such as this and cyber?

Between this option(cyber) and virtual(live stream), you will receive a great education provided by the dedicated teachers of the L-L school district. Live Streaming Classroom - Students will receive instruction from home via Zoom with Lake-Lehman teachers. Core content is the focus and login times with schedules would follow with the teachers and normal school day instructional schedules. This option is good for families that would like "live" instruction and the delivery of major subject areas the same as the traditional students.

The cyber option is great for flexibility within family schedules and delivers PA State Standards however it uses different materials to teach the content than the traditional/live stream.

11:20:42 From Krissy Sassi : Will there be a zoom for the virtual classroom option?

Not at the current time.

11:21:27 From Lily : Can the students still participate in things such as fundraising, if such a thing will occur this year?

11:21:39 Yes they can participate with anything in the L-L school district

11:23:01 From Rachel C. : For a second grader how much time is the learning coach going to need to devote to being the learning coach? ie if you are working at home is this really feasible for a working parent?

This is certainly a challenge for working parents, which we all understand and appreciate. If a structure can be provided, the amount of time can be decreased as routines are established. If you can help your student get connected online and set up within the lesson, a student should be able to appropriately be taught for a period of time navigating the system and clicking on the lesson, etc. However, as a parent you will need to frequently check in on your child.

11:23:09 From Nicole Matreselva : Since your child can work at their own pace, how is there a way to ensure they are working on the same pace as the kids in school, in the event that they switch to in person classes?

It is possible students can work ahead. In terms of live classes, teachers can create a schedule of topics, which they speak to and address certain topics so students and parents will know what is being taught. For example, on Monday we will discuss short A, on Tuesday we will read a book on Short A; on Wednesday we will review sight words and spelling words. On Friday we will have an assessment on short A/spelling and sight words.

11:23:16 From Keeley : Curious as to how much of a challenge it would be cyber school two children in different grades.

This is all about creating routines. Every student is different. Can it be done? Yes, it can be. However, please know the needs of your students is what this is all about. We have four kids. Two of them are independent and do well online. Two of our kids are quite active and need constant monitoring and prompting. This has nothing to do with their levels of intelligence, they

are all brilliant. However, they have different learning styles. Try to create structure and routine. Be patient with yourself and your children. :) This is new for all of us...trying to work while being at home with our kids.

11:23:20 From Amanda Sciandra : I apologize if you went over this. Are the deadlines of assignments due weekly, monthly, quarterly?

Deadlines are ultimately up to the district. Lake-Lehman and the teachers can create these structures.

11:24:42 From Lily : How do you sign up for the cyber option?

Please fill out the registration form on the district website by this Friday, August 7th.

11:25:29 From Brandenburg : If your child will be cyber schooling, when is sign up? Will it be a little bit ahead of time in order to allow students and mostly parents (well at least me because I was not born in the computer world) can get accustomed?

Please fill out the registration form on the district website - lisd.org
Then more information will follow that registration closer to school.

11:25:37 From Rachel C. : When you say the curriculum is aligned does that mean that the cyber student is getting the same lessons that the face to face student is?

Lessons will not be exactly the same but the sequencing can be aligned. Example: Students will be learning about Geography and Culture of North America between October 2nd and the 15th. Will the lessons be the same, no...but the content covered will be the same.

11:27:08 From Megan : what if they are going to jr high

We use a different provider for JR/SR High and that is Edmentum

11:27:14 From Amanda Sciandra : I guess I will copy all of these questions to the email then. I'm interested in knowing all of these answers.

I tried to answer Amanda's questions above...

11:27:56 From Ty : Will some of these questions in the chat be answered and put on a FAQ page on the LLSD site?

Yes