



Bangor Area School District Bangor Cyber Program FAQ Updated September 17, 2020

Must my child be enrolled in the cyber program all year?

No. Students may transition back to the school buildings during the year at the request of the parent. Parents must make the request to the building principal. Transitions between programs will occur at the end of the marking period or trimester. The District may be limited in its options to transfer students because of CDC regulations, Pennsylvania Department of Health requirements, staffing issues, software licensing, etc.

Can my child transition from the Bangor Cyber Program to in-person instruction?

Yes. Parents may request a transition between programs. Parents must make the request to the building principal. The first transition point is the end of the 1st marking period for secondary students and the end of the 1st trimester for elementary students. The District may be limited in its ability to transfer students because of CDC regulations, Pennsylvania Department of Health requirements, staffing issues, software licensing, etc.

How do I request a transfer between programs?

Parents must contact the building principal to request a transfer between buildings. Parents may email principals with their request.

Building	Principal	Principal Email
HS	Mr. Krohn	krohna@bangorsd.org
MS	Dr. Holub	holubsh@bangorsd.org
DeFranco	Mr. Kerstetter	kersteer@bangorsd.org
Washington	Mr. Davis	davissc@bangorsd.org
5 Points	Dr. Lepore	leporeco@bangorsd.org

When making the request, parents must say which learning platform they want their child to use. For students K-8 program options are In-person, Virtual Home and Connexus. High school program options are Hybrid (in-person) and Connexus.

Is there a deadline to request a transfer between programs?

Yes. October 9, 2020 is the registration deadline for secondary students to request transfer between programs. October 30, 2020 is the registration deadline for elementary students to request transfer between programs.

If my request for transfer is approved, when will it start?

Secondary students whose transfer requests are approved will begin their new program on Monday, November 2, 2020. Elementary students whose transfer requests are approved will begin their new program on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

If a child is enrolled in Connexus and then schools close for COVID related issues, could Connexus parents opt to enroll kids in virtual home at that point?

No, in this situation students will remain in Connexus.

Does Bangor offer a cyber program?

Yes. Bangor offers a cyber program for all students in grades K-12.

What cyber program does Bangor use?

The Bangor Area School District has partnered with Pearson to deliver Connexus™. Pearson Connexus™ offers the widest range of content for K–12 learners with hundreds of proven, standards-based, online courses at a variety of course levels.

Will the program be taught by Bangor School District teachers?

Yes. Bangor teachers will be on the backend of the Connexus™ online courses, teaching and supporting students.

May I use my home computer or electronic device to participate in the cyber program?

Yes. It can be an advantage for students to use a device they are familiar with in their home.

If I do not have a computer or electronic device, will the District provide one?

Yes. The District will issue a computer or electronic device if the student does not have one.

If I do not have Internet access, will the District provide Internet?

Yes. The District can provide Internet.

Will the Cyber program follow the Bangor school calendar? For example, no school on September 4th and 7th, no school September 28th for an Act 80 day.

Yes. The Cyber Program follows the District calendar and all days school is closed, the Bangor Cyber Program is closed for Cyber students. Bangor Cyber students will not be required to login on these days.

Does the Connexus™ program align with Bangor's curriculum?

Yes. The alignment is very strong in the core areas and most elective and related arts courses. Some related arts and elective courses are very unique, which may require some adjustment.

Can I enroll in the Bangor Cyber Program at any time?

Yes, under most circumstances. The Bangor Cyber Program has open enrollment throughout the year. However, there is a commitment deadline to help us prepare for the first day of school. If schools must close during the year, brick and mortar students will move to Schoology online. The Bangor Cyber Program will not be an option for brick and mortar students at that time. All student enrolled in the Bangor Cyber Program will continue in the program.

Is there one platform to use for all students K-12?

Yes. Connexus uses a consistent virtual learning platform K-12 that will help parents who have students in different grade levels. Each family only needs to learn one online platform to support their children in our Cyber Program.

Every year we obtain tons of paperwork for the first few days of school. Will cyber parents be mailed all of this information or do we have to report to the schools at any given time for it, their books etc.?

This year, we have eliminated beginning of the year paperwork as we have transitioned to a Digital Beginning of the Year packet. The Sapphire Community Portal allows us to post and collect all of the information needed at the beginning of the year from parents.

What is synchronous learning in the Cyber Program?

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Asynchronous learning means students complete work without direct contact to a teacher.

Will grading be different in the Bangor Cyber Program compared to in-person instruction?

The grading system will be the same in both the Bangor Cyber Program and in-person instruction. The grading scale is the same for cyber, brick and mortar and Schoology.

Will the Bangor Cyber Program include weighted grades for High School honors and AP courses?

Yes. Honors and AP courses will be weighted the same as in-person instruction courses.

Is the Bangor Cyber Program (Connexus) primarily asynchronous or synchronous?

The Bangor Cyber Program (Connexus) relies on asynchronous instruction with limited synchronous support from a Bangor teacher. All Bangor Cyber courses are available asynchronously 24/7 to students.

Will students receive resources such as workbooks/textbooks/ruler etc. with the cyber program?

Yes, students will receive the instructional materials needed to meet the course requirements. Most materials are available electronically.

How will Bangor teachers provide support to students in the Bangor Cyber Program?

There will be several levels of support available to the students.

- 1) Bangor teachers will have scheduled office hours. Students will be able to connect with their teacher at this time.
- 2) Bangor teachers will use Near Pod to provide live and recorded lessons to students based on need.
- 3) Bangor teachers will review students' performance on assessments and provide individual feedback to the student at least once per week.

What if my child needs help outside of teacher office hours?

The District has purchased Live Tutor to support students. Live Tutor provides an academic professional (from Connexus) who responds to general questions regarding concepts and assignment instructions for the core subject areas of math, science, language arts, and social studies, and responds to student-initiated questions through chat, email, and telephone. The schedule below is when Live Tutor is available by subject area.

Subject	Monday -Thursday	Friday
Math	9am-11pm	5pm
Science	9am-6pm	5pm
Social Studies	9am-6pm	5pm
English	9am-6pm	5pm
Elementary	9am-6pm	5pm

Can my child participate in Bangor Athletics?

Yes. All students in the Bangor Cyber program may participate in Bangor Athletics.

Can my child participate in events and activities at their school?

Yes. Students have access to district resources and full participation in curricular activities, special programs, extracurricular activities (clubs, musical groups, musical, prom, etc.), school pictures and special ceremonies (i.e., 6th grade moving up and graduation).

Can my child participate in the Career Institute of Technology (CIT)?

Yes. Students may participate in CIT and the Bangor Cyber Program; however, District transportation is not guaranteed.

Can a child attend in-person classes at Bangor Area School District and take classes through the cyber program?

No. CIT is the only program in which students may opt for enrollment in both.

Is attendance a requirement of Cyber School?

Yes. Students are required to attend cyber school by logging in at least five days per week. Their attendance is tracked and students who fail to report are marked absent. All District Truancy policies are in effect and the same for cyber students.

Is there a minimum amount of time my child must spend in the Cyber School?

No. However, the Cyber program is built based on work completion. Students can expect to spend about 1 hour per course each day.

Do cyber students have to take the PSSAs or Keystone Exams?

Yes. All cyber students are required to take the PSSAs and Keystone Exams.

Can a child with an IEP, GIEP, ESL or 504 participate in the cyber program?

Yes. All students may participate in the cyber program. Students with an IEP, GIEP, ESL or 504 must have a team meeting to review, discuss and determine the individual plan to support the student in the cyber program.

Does the Cyber Program offer Honors and AP levels of courses?

Yes. The Bangor Cyber Program offers both honors and AP level of courses.

Are the AP courses offered in the High School available to students in the Cyber Program?

Yes, with few exceptions. AP Chemistry, AP Physics and AP Principles of Computer Science are not offered in the Cyber Program.

Are grades weighted in the Cyber Program?

Yes. Course grades are weighted the same as students attending High School.

Does a student enrolled in the Bangor Cyber Program remain a Slater?

Yes. Bangor Cyber Program students are Slaters. Our improved communication through Sapphire, the District website and Blackboard will ensure Bangor Cyber students are a part of their community school.

Will a student earn a Bangor School District diploma?

Yes. All Bangor cyber students who satisfy the District graduation requirements will receive a Bangor diploma and graduate as a Slater.

Is there any additional fee that I must pay for my child to participate in the cyber program?

No. There are no additional fees. All fees are covered by the District.

Do cyber students have access to support services of the brick and mortar school, such as nurses and counselors?

Yes. Students have access to all services offered by the District.