Cincinnati Digital Academy Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the Cincinnati Digital Academy?**
The Cincinnati Digital Academy is a new, fully online program serving students in grades K-12 in the Cincinnati Public School District. It is a tuition-free public school.

**Why choose an online program?**
Not all students thrive in a traditional classroom. For some, the distractions can be overwhelming. For others, the pace is simply too fast, too slow or too rigid. Some students require more flexibility because they are working or raising children. Cincinnati Digital Academy was tailor-made for students who need a more individualized approach to education and who thrive when they can work at their own pace. Students have 24-hour access to our curriculum and can structure their classes to meet their individual needs.

**Where is Cincinnati Digital Academy located?**
Students attending Cincinnati Digital Academy will take all their courses in the comfort of their own homes. The Academy is housed at 425 Ezzard Charles Drive in the West End (45203). Students can go there to meet with teachers face-to-face, and take advantage of enrichment opportunities and other social events.

**What if prospective students don’t own a computer?**
Each student will receive a desktop computer, at no cost, on loan for the duration of their enrollment in Cincinnati Digital Academy. Computers must be returned upon graduation or withdrawal from the Academy. Cincinnati Public Schools also will provide technical support for loaned computers.

**Do students need their own Internet access?**
Cincinnati Public Schools will provide Internet access to families who need service.

**How will students communicate with teachers?**
Cincinnati Digital Academy teachers can be reached by phone, email or in person. Students also will interact with teachers via live lessons delivered online, and during enrichment and other social activities.

**Do students have to log in every day?**
No. Students do not have to log in every day, but they must complete the equivalent of 25 hours of instruction each week.
**What is the curriculum?**
Cincinnati Digital Academy uses the [Odyssey program](#) for students in grades K-8. High school students will use the [APEX program](#).

In addition to core coursework, students will be able to take advantage of Spanish and French foreign language courses, Advanced Placement courses, several elective courses, as well as art, music and physical education.

**Will students be eligible for extracurricular activities?**
Cincinnati Public Schools has dozens of schools that offer sports, enrichment and extracurricular activities that make education fun and help bring classroom concepts to life. Cincinnati Digital Academy students in grades K-8 can take advantage of all those opportunities at the [elementary school in their neighborhood](#). Students in grades 9-12 can select extracurricular programs at the high school of their choice.

**Will students have to take standardized tests?**
Ohio requires all students in public schools to take standardized tests beginning in grade 3. Students in grades 3-8 must take the Ohio Achievement Assessment and students in grades 10-12 must take the Ohio Graduation Test (until all parts are passed). Students must take these tests in person and will do so at the Cincinnati Digital Academy offices at 425 Ezzard Charles Drive in the West End (45203). Families will be notified about testing dates and times.

**Will students receive a diploma upon graduation?**
All students who graduate from the Cincinnati Digital Academy program will receive a full high school diploma from Cincinnati Public Schools through its Virtual High School.

**Is it possible to graduate early?**
Yes! Because students are working at their own pace and have 24-hour access to the curriculum, it is very possible to graduate from Cincinnati Digital Academy faster than students can at traditional high schools.

**Can parents monitor students’ progress?**
Yes! Parents will receive a password to access assignments and monitor their child’s progress at Cincinnati Digital Academy. In addition, parents will receive a printed report card in the mail following the end of each quarter.

**How can students apply?**
An online pre-application is available on the district's website, [http://www.cps-k12.org](http://www.cps-k12.org). The enrollment process must be completed in person at the Cincinnati Public Schools Customer Help Center, 2651 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219. Please bring a photo ID; proof of residence; the student’s social security card; the student’s latest report card, transcript or home-school grades; the student’s birth certificate; and immunization records. For more information, call the Customer Help Center at 513-363-0123.