PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The *Forest Hills Academy of Digital Learning* is an initiative beginning for the 2020-2021 school year. The Academy provides flexible learning opportunities for K-12 students. The program has been developed in collaboration with online learning experts and is based on years of research and best practices for excellence in online learning. The Academy offers flexibility and learning options for students of the Forest Hills School District that foster 21st century skills for future-ready success.

All courses offered through the *Forest Hills Academy of Digital Learning* program are taught by highly qualified, Pennsylvania-certified teachers. All teachers have received comprehensive training in best practices for online teaching and learning.

Benefits of Being a R anger

- Graduate & walk with your class
- Participate in all Forest Hills’ sporting activities
- Join one of our several student clubs & organizations
- Attend field trips
- Sing in the chorus
- Play in the band
- Participate in the performing arts
- Attend pep rallies, prom, and other school events
- Utilize support services for special education, gifted education, and tutoring
- Attend Greater Johnstown Career & Technical Center

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Students will receive a customized learning approach that empowers them to learn in a way that is suited to their strengths and goals for success. Students can transition back to a more traditional face-to-face learning environment at any time throughout the school year depending on their needs.

Each course is aligned to Forest Hills School District’s curriculum and fully incorporates all standards as set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students can move seamlessly between online courses and the traditional classroom from year to year without experiencing “gaps” in the curriculum. All courses provide high-quality learning opportunities for students.

Each course is designed with all of the rigor and quality instruction of a traditional classroom. Lessons and assessments are designed to challenge students and encourage inquiry through a customized approach to learning. Students navigate through courses at a customized, more flexible pace.

Courses are offered through an online environment using both synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Unlike typical courses offered through other online learning providers, the courses from the Forest Hills Academy of Digital Learning are robust and interactive. Teachers utilize the latest tools and emerging technologies to bring course content to life. The lessons appeal to the preferences of today’s digital learners.

Students can participate in district-sponsored extracurricular activities, team sports, field trips, and special-interest clubs. Students will have access to the learning labs, libraries, and athletic facilities. Students earn a diploma from the Forest Hills School District and graduate with their classmates.

The Forest Hills School District believes in the importance of developing a sense of community and socialization within learning experiences. Each course integrates the use of several multimedia tools designed to engage students in the course content as well as their peers. This provides students with the ability to discover and share with their online classmates, while building critical skills for interacting and collaborating online.

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