



## Cougar Academy Lincoln School

Cougar Academy offers students a daily **learning** center at Lincoln School with direct and supplemental instructional supports through our Math Factory, Science Lab, Career Exploration, and Literacy Center.

### SCIENCE LAB

- Designated experiment days
- Hands-on experiments
- Resources and materials for science courses
- Scientific method training
- Discovery Learning®

### CAREER EXPLORATION

- myPORTFOLIO

### LITERACY CENTER

- Writing lab
- Library

### HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION

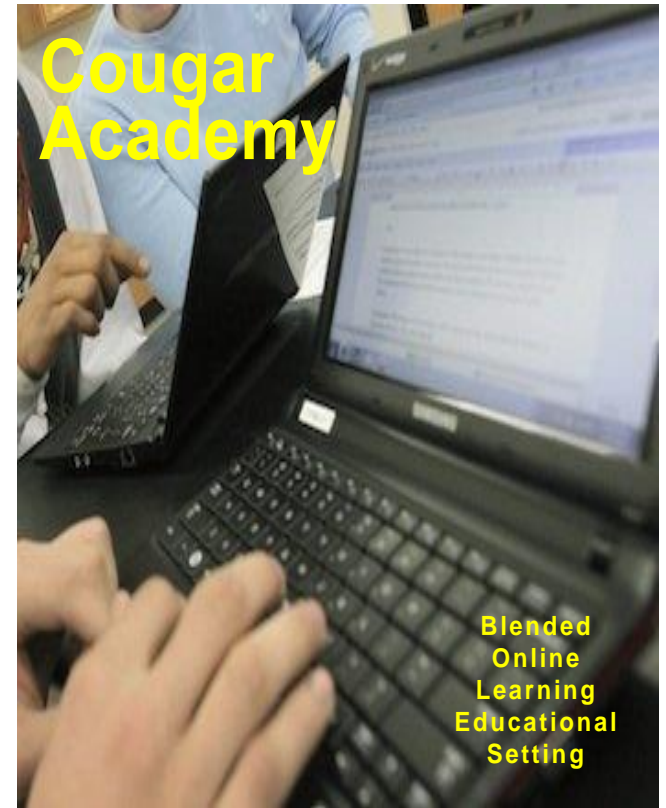
The Harrisburg School District is committed to providing a rigorous and relevant education to all students in a learning environment that fosters high expectations, data driven and standards aligned instruction provided by committed, highly qualified teachers. A culturally responsive, safe and positive school environment is provided to enhance, empower, and promote the value of lifelong learning for our students. Families and the Harrisburg community are active partners in the educational process.

### COUGAR ACADEMY MISSION

Cougar Academy uses technology, project-based learning, and high impact thinking strategies to create a personalized educational program for learners who express a desire or demonstrate a need for a non-traditional, flexible educational setting.

### COUGAR ACADEMY VISION

Cougar Academy instructs students on their individual learning paths with direct instruction and supplement interactive technology and resources that promote achievement and higher order thinking skills.



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# Cougar Academy

FOR HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENTS IN GRADES 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup>

## OUR BLENDED CYBER PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- ❖ ONLINE INSTRUCTION
- ❖ SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTIONS
- ❖ PROJECT BASED LEARNING
- ❖ INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PLAN BASED ON STUDENT'S LEARNING NEEDS

## Cougar Academy

### Overview

Cougar Academy offers students rigorous on-line courses in a blended learning environment. Cougar Academy allows for web-based instruction and direct teacher instruction in our cyber learning academy. The blended setting provides resources and supports of a traditional school while learning at your own pace at home or on-site. Our learning environment offers a specialized learning plan with targeted one-on-one instruction, foundational skills development, an individualized learning path, and content teacher interaction. Each one of these supports provides the students with the tools necessary to graduate and be college and career ready.

### Application Process

Any Harrisburg School District Student may apply for admission into Cougar Academy. The admission process reviews students behavioral, attendance, and academic record. Student will participate in core content pre-assessment to determine placement at Cougar Academy.

### Accepted Students

*All students accepted into Cougar Academy complete an initial 45-day trial period.*

We want to ensure there is a bridge between traditional school instruction and cyber learning. We provide orientation to our software program, how to be an independent learner, and study skills. We model for students how to use online resources, how to be responsible for computer hardware, and digitally responsible. Most importantly we provide one-on-one targeted interventions to bridge any gaps in previous instructional settings through teacher interaction, supplemental resources, and communication.

### Tier 1- Mandatory on-site learning, personalized learning with direct and small group instruction

#### Student Criteria for Entrance:

- Regular attendance in school
- No or minor discipline infractions
- Passing grades with minimum of 70%
- Desire to become independent learner
- Minimal score of 50% on Screener exam in Math and Reading

#### Attendance:

- Daily attendance required for initial 45 days
- After initial 45 days a transition plan will be put in place stating if student will move or remain in Tier 1

### Tier 2: Mandatory on-site learning and at-home blended, personalized learning with instructional supports in core content classes

#### Student Criteria for Entrance:

- Regular attendance in school
- No or minor discipline infractions
- Passing grades with minimum of 70% in at least 3 of 4 content classes
- Minimal score of 60% on Post Test
- Internet Access—home or designated location

#### Attendance:

- Daily attendance for half day on-site
- Minimal of 3 hours at home

### Tier 3: Personalized learning plan with supports in core content and access to on-site instructional support

#### Student Criteria for Entrance:

- Regular attendance in Tier 2 transition plan
- No or minor infractions
- Passing grades with minimum of 70% in content classes
- Minimal score of 70% on port test
- Internet access—home or designated location

#### Attendance:

- Work exclusively from home
- Periodic on-site check-ins
- Log in for minimally 5 hours a day or completion of 5 lessons in each class



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## COUGAR ACADEMY APPLICATION

Cougar Academy application is available online at

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