

Welcome to CCS Connects, the online learning component at Conestoga Christian School.

Below are points to consider before beginning online or off-campus instruction:

Requirements for approval may include but not be limited to:

- Students wanting to receive CCS graduation credit, must fill out the application for any online or
 off-campus course they would like to take and must have CCS approval before signing up for the
 course.
- Students must be highly motivated, must be in good academic standing, and maintain academic excellence

The following considerations should also be made when choosing online or off-campus courses.

- Time must be spent each day working on the course, just as one would do with a traditional class.
- In addition to "class time," additional time should be set aside for homework. Online or off-campus courses may require more time than a traditional class. Since there is not typically a lecture component, much of the learning may come through reading.

Online teachers or coaches may or may not be available to help the student. If students have an online coach or teacher, students should be willing to contact their online coach or teacher when a question regarding the content or practical application of the course presents itself. If the course is not self-paced, the student may have to turn in work regularly. Students may also have a schedule or "pace chart" to help them keep track of their progress. If the student should fall behind, it can be challenging to catch up.

If the online course is a CCS supported course, the student will have access to a teacher who is knowledgeable in the subject they are studying and willing to help them succeed. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher to set up times to meet and receive any help or guidance they may need.

If *Lincoln Learning Solutions is* being used, the Director of Student Life will be available to help students get started in the course and help with any technical questions or problems that may arise.

Experience has shown that due to the extensive amount of course work required, it may be challenging for students to hold down a job and/or participate in extra-curricular activities, while also taking an online course. Time management will become very important!

Online or off campus course credits (2 core and/or 2 elective courses, for a maximum of 4 credits) will count towards graduation requirements at CCS. Only CCS supported courses will be included on CCS transcripts. Grades will be counted toward GPA and class rank for CCS supported courses only. All other providers' grades will be on a separate transcript, supplied by the online course provider. The grades/credits from non-CCS supported providers will not be factored into students' GPA or class rank.

Questions about online or off-campus courses should be directed to the Director of Student Life.



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On-line course registration

Student name:	Date:	
Phone:		
Email:		
Grade: Birthdate:		
Parent/Guardian name:		
Parent/Guardian phone:		
Parent/Guardian email:		
Reason for wanting to take the course:		
Course requested:		
Provider of the Course:		
Student Signature:		
Parent Signature:		
Director of Student Life Signature:		
Date Transcript Received:		

By signing this application you confirm that the CCS Connects form was read in its entirety.

If applicant wishes to enroll in a CCS supported provider (**Lincoln Interactive**), CCS must enroll the student. CCS will provide a study hall period for the course, and CCS support will be provided to the student. CCS will place CCS supported providers' transcripts onto CCS transcripts and grades will be calculated into a student's GPA and class rank.

Prices vary per course.

<u>Please note</u>: Credits received from any provider outside the CCS supported provider mentioned above will count toward necessary credits to graduate from CCS but will not impact CCS GPA or class rank.

*If CCS is paying for the course due to scheduling conflicts or other considerations, and a student chooses to drop the course, the student is responsible for the cost of the course. The full cost must be paid to CCS within one month of dropping the course.

Online Providers and off-campus School Programs

Lincoln Interactive partners with a variety of schools, including PA Cyber School, to provide online courses. They are not a Christian organization, but their curriculum is carefully crafted by experienced educators to meet national standards. All instructors are PA certified. For courses offered by Lincoln Interactive click here. **Students will be enrolled by CCS.**

Educere offers 5,000 plus virtual courses from over 40 education providers, but it is our personalized education services that K-12 customers rely upon. Educere's Personal Learning Coach^M is a single-point-of-contact supporting each school, student, and parent. Courses through colleges are offered for dual credit. For courses available see Educere. **Students enroll themselves for courses**.

Liberty University Online Academy provides courses for high school students. Even before college, parents, and students can take advantage of <u>Liberty University Online Academy</u>. Liberty University Online Academy (LUOA) offers courses for high school students (grades 9-12) with an emphasis on individualized learning. LUOA was created to provide students the support of a traditional, residential academy while enrolled in a technology-based home school academic program. With <u>Liberty University Online Academy</u>, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), you will be enrolled in a credible program of study that provides licensed, certified teachers, relevant Christian content, a personal academic advisor and access to a wide range of support through Liberty University. And as a High School Junior or Senior, you can enroll in the Academy's Dual Enrollment program called the EDGE. For more information see https://www.liberty.edu/onlineacademy/. Students enroll themselves for courses.

Penn Foster High School enables you to study online at your own pace, with the help of a supportive community of instructors and success coaches. **Students enroll themselves for courses.**

LBC's Jump Start Program offers courses on LBC's campus. If you're a junior or senior in high school or home school, LBC wants to give you a jump start on your college education. When you enter this unique program, you can take one (1) tuition-free course each fall and spring semester. For more information see https://www.lbc.edu/undergraduate/admissions/jumpstart/. Students enroll themselves for courses.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Greenly