2024-25 SCHOOL PROFILE



CEEB CODE # 390016

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR HISTORY

Reach Cyber Charter School is a PDE approved public school and is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia. Reach serves students in grades K-12 from across the Commonwealth state, including urban, suburban, and rural communities. Reach was founded during the 2016-2017 school year as a K-9 STEM school and graduated its first class of seniors in 2019.

Reach Cyber Charter School's mission is to promote academic growth and build curiosity through integrated STEM opportunities, K-12 personal instruction, and career exploration.

OUR VISION

Reach Cyber Charter School's vision is to inspire and nurture future success for all students.

OUR PROGRAM

Reach Cyber Charter School includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with 2,800 high school students out of 5,800 total enrolled students in grades K-12.

Here are some important facts about our program:

- Reach Cyber Charter School has 156 certified/licensed staff at the high school level.
- Reach Cyber Charter School is a STEM-focused school with virtual and faceto-face project-based learning providing hands-on activities in a collaborative environment.
- Partnerships with STEM-centered institutions and organizations give our students opportunities to build, design, and collaborate with others across the state.
- Reach offers STEM oriented in-person and virtual extra-curricular activities such as team challenges, day camps for coding, drones, robotics, stream studies, hydroponics, solar-car builds, WeatherSTEM, and Lego product builds for all our students.
- STEM courses offered at Reach include, but are not limited to, Computer Coding and Building with the Raspberry Pi, Python with Arduino, Microsoft Office, Java and Python Programming, Business, Tech Apps and Coding, and HTML & CSS.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Chief Executive Officer <u>Mrs. Jane Swan</u>

Chief Academic Officer <u>Mrs. LeeAnn Ritchie</u>

Chief Operations Officer <u>Mrs. Rachel Graver</u>

Director of Teaching & Learning <u>Mr. Andrew Gribbin</u>

Director of Data & Instruction Dr. Kelley McConnell

Director of Special Education <u>Mr. Gregory McCurdy</u>

Director of STEM Education Mrs. Stephanie Lane

Director of Career Readiness <u>Mr. Jordann Smith</u>

Director of Counseling Mr. Erik Wiedman

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- STEM Coaches encourage and support teachers to engage their students in science, technology, engineering, and math. These content areas are interwoven and integrated into our curriculum and relate to everyday life.
- Reach offers programs of study representing six career clusters and includes, but is not limited to, the following: Reach digital credentials, certification courses, pre-apprenticeships, internships, and other in-person and virtual industry-based learning opportunities.
- Family mentors assigned to all students by geographic location are responsible for nurturing strong, positive, and productive relationships with Reach families.
- National Honor Society recognizes leaders and promotes service to others.
- Parent Outreach Coordinators organize events across the state, providing opportunities for interaction with other families.

Flexible pacing options offered:

- Traditional Students take a full course load in the fall and spring sessions and do not attend school during the summer.
- Year Round This option provides students with more time for other activities or time to concentrate on a smaller number of classes, while still enabling them to complete a full course load by the end of the year by participating in summer coursework.
- Accelerated (high school only) Students attend three sessions full-time to complete more courses during a school year. This pace can be utilized for early graduation goals or to take advantage of more Advanced Placement (AP) and/or elective options.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Reach Cyber Charter School's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, College Preparatory, and General programs.

Honors course offerings include: English 9-12, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Precalculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physical Science, American Government, United States History, World History

AP course offerings include: Biology, Calculus AB, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Psychology, Statistics, and United States History

Please view all of our high school courses.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Reach operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six credits per year.

21 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements are included in this table.

| Area/Subjects | # Units for Graduation |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Math | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Arts or Humanities | 2 |
| Health or P.E. | 1 |
| Additional courses * | 5 |
| Total | 21 |

TRANSCRIPT ABBREVIATIONS

CO Course completed EN Scheduled in section IP Active in section PC Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading WF Failing grade at the time of withdrawal from course WP Passing grade at the time of withdrawal from course

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

High School Principal <u>Mr. Cody Smith</u>

H.S. Assistant Principal (12) <u>Ms. Maurine Hockenberry</u>

H.S. Assistant Principal (11) <u>Mrs. Erica Carroll</u>

H.S. Assistant Principal (10) <u>Ms. Stephanie Bost</u>

H.S. Assistant Principal (9) <u>Mr. Michael Hinshaw</u>

H.S. Assistant Principal: <u>Mr. Daniel Daley</u>

12th Grade Counselor (A-D): <u>Mrs. Susan Jaskelewicz</u>

12th Grade Counselor (E-K): <u>Ms. Rachael Raymond</u>

12th Grade Counselor (L-Ri): <u>Mrs. Meesha Harris</u>

12th Grade Counselor (Ro-Z): <u>Ms. |amie Sheets</u>

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GRADING SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

| Grade | Numerical Percentage | Non- Weighted | Weighted (Honors) | Weighted (AP) |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A+ | 98-100 | 4.00 | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| А | 92-97 | 4.00 | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| A- | 90-91 | 3.67 | 4.17 | 4.57 |
| B+ | 88-89 | 3.33 | 3.83 | 4.33 |
| В | 82-87 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| B- | 80-81 | 2.67 | 3.17 | 3.67 |
| C+ | 78-79 | 2.33 | 2.83 | 3.33 |
| С | 72-77 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| C- | 70-71 | 1.67 | 2.17 | 2.67 |
| D+ | 68-69 | 1.33 | 1.83 | 2.33 |
| D | 62-67 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 |
| D- | 60-61 | 0.67 | 1.17 | 1.67 |
| F | 0-59 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

TESTING

Reach adheres to all state testing requirements and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

REQUIRED STATE TESTING:

Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) is a standards-based criterion-referenced assessment used to measure a student's attainment of the academic standards while also determining the degree to which school programs enable students to attain proficiency of the standards. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 3 through 8 is assessed in English Language Arts and Math. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 5 and 8 is also assessed in Science. The PSSA exams will be given according to the calendar determined by the Department of Education, generally in April & May.

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in the subject areas of Algebra I, Literature, and Biology. These exams include items written to the Assessment Anchors/Eligible Content aligned to the Pennsylvania Academic Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts and to the enhanced Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Science. All students, by their 12th grade year, must complete and score Proficient or Advanced on Keystone Assessments in Algebra 1, Biology, and English Literature. Students who have completed courses for which a Keystone Exam is assigned must take the corresponding Keystone Exam. Spring testing is generally offered in May.

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks' notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact Erik Wiedman at ewiedman@reachcyber.org.

| SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|
| White | 49% | |
| Black/African American | 24% | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 16% | |
| Multiracial | 8% | |
| Asian | 1% | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | <1% | |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | <1% | |

| Plans for the Class of 2024 | Percentage of Students | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Four-year College | 22% | |
| Two-year College | 25% | |
| Vocational/Technical training | 10% | |
| Trade/Specialized Trade | 5% | |
| Employment | 28% | |
| Military | 2% | |
| Other/Undetermined | 8% | |



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