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MISSION: The mission of the Agora Cyber Charter School is to provide an innovative, intensive academic preparation that inspires and educates students to achieve the highest levels of academic knowledge and skills and develop proficiency in the design and use of new computer technologies and scientific research. Agora embraces a collaborative partnership between teachers and parents in order to empower students to reach extraordinary heights. Extraordinary results require extraordinary efforts! Through commitment, hard work, consistency, and responsibility, every student will meet the challenge of mastering high expectations.

VISION: The vision of Agora Cyber Charter School is to prepare all students to achieve their highest potential through actively engaging in their own schooling, achieving their personal learning goals, and cultivating post-secondary success as lifelong learners.

CORE VALUES: Agora Cyber Charter School is governed by nine core values that are used to shape and define the culture and climate of the school. These values also guide behavior and decision-making. Agora Cyber Charter School is governed by its nine core values. These values shape the culture and define the climate of our school. They are used to guide how we behave and make decisions. These values are rooted in beliefs about how we interact together as a learning community and work to build a positive culture and climate focused on student learning. By working to honor our values together, the entire Agora community excels!

Memberships: NACAC

School Enrollment*: K-8: 4451; HS: 2894 - 7345 Total

Awards: Agora Class of 2021 received over \$1,314,138 in scholarship monies and awarded five \$250 scholarships to students in the Class of 2021.

Stride Partnership: Agora is a self-managed school that has partnered with Stride Inc. Stride Inc. is an AdvancedED-accredited education management corporation that provides propriety online curriculum and educational services. As a partnership, Agora uses the Stride content and their FuelEd resources to provide a rich learn-ing experience for our learners.

Teacher Certification: 100% of our teaching staff are highly qualified and state-certified. Ensuring this begins from the time of recruitment, at which time applicants are screened to ensure they meet the required qualifications to teach at Agora. All teachers have Bachelor's degrees. 74% of teachers hold a Master's degree or higher. Agora's ELL teacher is ESL certified.

*Based on September 2021 data

Curriculum: Agora's curriculum coordinators and teachers create curriculum maps that are aligned to Pennsylvania state standards and which use the Stride content and materials. The Stride curriculum team designs courses from educational research, state and national standards, and content expertise. Each course is designed around online content, engaging demonstrations, online and offline science labs, online and offline reading materials and activities and assessments that are both teacher-graded and computer-graded. The Stride content uses interactive, media-rich elements to engage students. The high school program offers a wide selection of math, English, science, social studies and elective courses in multiple versions—Comprehensive, Honors and where applicable, Advanced Placement® (AP®).

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP Spanish Language, AP Statistics, AP U.S. Government and Politics, AP U.S. History, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP World History, AP French Language

To view Course Selection Manual, click [HERE](#)



Agora has been an NCAA-approved school since the 2016-2017 school year. Agora's code is 393397

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Course Placement Policies: Students meet with their school counselor twice each year to plan their academic path. Students, counselors, and teachers determine the best placement for each individual student. Placement in AP and Honors courses requires success in prerequisites and faculty recommendations.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

Communication Techniques: Agora high school students have many ways to communicate with their school staff, teachers, and other students. They communicate through virtual classroom sessions called “ClassConnect,” interactive online discussions, phone calls with teachers, the internal e-mail system, and announcements through their unique online Student Dashboard. There are also opportunities for face-to-face interaction through in-person events and field trips.

Deadlines and Assessments: Teachers set deadlines and late work policies for their individual courses. Assessments are both teacher-graded and computer-graded.

Synchronous and Asynchronous Instruction: The primary method of instruction is synchronous, where students meet with teaches in a virtual classroom (ClassConnect). These lessons are interactive, student-centered and aligned to help students demonstrate mastery of eligible content aligned to state standards. A student who demonstrates success in the online model, maintains a 3.0 GPA and regular attendance may apply for asynchronous status. This allows them flexibility in their education by giving them the option to attend the virtual classroom but still receive full support from a certified teacher.

College Counselors : Agora offers a comprehensive school counseling program that includes a full range of college and career services. All counselors have master’s degrees and are state-certified. They provide college, career, and emotional counseling services and support. College and career planning courses and tools provide students and parents extensive information on career and college opportunities, including the admission process. College tours, interest inventories, career counseling, and career clusters are available to students based off of the ASCA National Model, which utilizes three specific domains — academic, personal/social, and career.

Student Services: The Agora staff includes school psychologists, social workers, a comprehensive Student Assistance Program (SAP) team, and 14 school counselors at the high school level. In addition, students may be provided with a Family Coach (FC).

Family Coaches build strong relationships with students and parents throughout the families' experience with Agora.

- ⇒ Home visits with their assigned families
- ⇒ Serving as the primary point of contact for student and family support
- ⇒ Providing student and parent training to ensure success in the program throughout the year
- ⇒ Ongoing engagement in the communities working with their assigned families
- ⇒ Organizing and facilitating local Agora Days Out events

GRADING POLICIES

Honor Roll: Students who receive a quarterly GPA of 3.0 or higher receive Honor Roll. Upon graduation, those students who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher will graduate with honors. Students with a GPA of 3.4 or higher and teacher or counselor recommendation are invited to apply to the National Honor Society. 33% of the Class of 2021 graduated with Honors. There were 33 members of the National Honor Society during the 2020-2021 School Year.

Grading Scale:

LETTER GRADE	PERCENT RANGE	POINT VALUE	WEIGHTED POINT VALUE
A	90-100	4.0	5.0-AP/4.5-H
B	80-89	3.0	4.0-AP/3.5-H
C	70-79	2.0	3.0-AP/2.5-H
D	60-69	1.0	1.0-AP/1.0-H
F	<60	0	0

Weighted Grading Policy: Any AP or Honors courses taken at Agora or a transfer school will have the grading scale applied to each course under Agora’s AP or Honors code.



Vision Statement:

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