Patriot Online Academy NICE Community Schools



The Patriot Online Academy will allow learners in grades 6-12 to learn in an online community that fosters independence, critical thinking, creativity and problem solving skills. Our alternative learning environment will provide high quality standards-driven curriculum that will allow the students to learn anytime and anywhere.

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Application process:

- Fill out and sign (learner and parent/guardian) the Patriot Online Academy Application
- 2. Read and sign (learner and parent/guardian) the Contract for Online Learners
- 3. Seat Time Waiver Learners:
 - a. Read and sign (parent/guardian) the Technology Requirements/Waiver
 - b. Review the Credit Requirements for Graduation
 - c. Read and sign (learner and parent/guardian) the Academic Benchmarks document
 - d. Complete the Individual Learning Plan
- 4. Return all completed documents to the Patriot Online Academy Coordinator

Patriot Online Academy NICE Community Schools **Application**

The NICE Community School District is granted a waiver for rule 340.11 under the pupil accounting rules and Section 5-O-B of the Michigan Department of Education Pupil Accounting Manual, and may allow up to 100 percent of learners enrolled in grades 6 through 12 to take all of their coursework online (Seat Time Waiver).

Learner Information

School District Enrolled:	☐ NICE Grade Level: ☐ Home School Grade Level:	Grade Level:									
Reason for Application	☐ Schedule conflict ☐ Medical/Social ☐ Other:	☐ High interest o									
Learner Name:											
Birthdate:											
Learner Email Address:											
Parent/Legal Guardian Name:											
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Home Address:											
Phone Numbers:	Parent:	Learn	ner:								
Academic Performance:	Current No. of Credits (H.S—attach transcript):	GPA:	Expected Year of Graduation:								
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If applying as a Seat Time Waiver learner, please respond to the following questions (use back of this sheet or key a document with your answers and attach it to the application:

- 1. Why should you be given consideration for acceptance into a Seat Time Waiver program? What are you willing to do to be successful?
- 2. Describe your time management and organizational skills. How would you keep yourself on track for successful completion of online courses? Would you like assistance with your time management and organizational skills?
- 3. What can NICE Community Schools do to assist you with your success in the Patriot Online Academy?

Learner Name:				
				
Review the course selection	from the foli	Course Sele	ction	
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Learner Signature		Date Parent	Guardian Signati	ure Date
Patriot Online Academy / Office Use Only	Approval			
Learner UIC:				Seat Time Waiver
COURSE(S) APPROVAL:				
Courseles			1	
Counselor	Online	Coordinator		S/MS Principal
Notes:				

Patriot Online Academy NICE Community Schools Contract for Online Learners

Introduction

Welcome to Online Learning with the Patriot Online Academy at NICE Community Schools. Participation has similar requirements to other courses at NICE Community Schools. Learners are bound by standards in the Student Handbook. The big difference is learners are expected to be more independent in terms of learning and meeting the requirements established by the course instructors, mentors, and coordinator.

Attendance

It is suggested that the learner spend at least one hour a day per online course. It is expected that the learner will log in to course(s) on certain days as announced.

Learner Commitment

It is expected that the learner will:

- be committed to the course(s), adhere to the course schedules as prescribed, and understand that drops will be allowed only as outlined by the online provider and the local district.
- communicate with the mentor on a weekly basis and provide weekly progress reports.
- work according to pacing guides in order to complete the requirements of the course.

Parent/Guardian Commitment

It is expected that parents'/guardians' participation in a child's education will help determine his/her likelihood of success. Therefore, parents/guardians are expected to monitor and support the child in his/her studies, agree to be accessible to the mentor to discuss the child's progress, and promote good attendance and time management of the child's participation.

Acceptable Use Policy

It is the responsibility of the learner to know the contents of any Acceptable Use Policies that apply in addition to the AUP of NICE Community Schools. Anything that learners do in the course(s) taken can be retrieved and monitored by the mentor/coordinator/instructor at any time.

Tests/Exams

The online provider may require all or some of the tests/exams to be proctored by the mentor or other responsible adult. Arrangements will be made with the mentor as needed. Learners enrolled in the district seat time waiver program must take the grade appropriate state assessment exam, (see the Academic Benchmarks document.)

Technology

A computer will be offered to learners enrolled under an approved seat time waiver that includes internet capacity and appropriate software configuration for use by the pupil in the home for the length of time that the pupil is enrolled in the seat time waiver program. The broadband internet capacity shall be a minimum of 1 Mbsp up/3 Mbsp down for use in the home for the length of time that the pupil is enrolled in the seat time waiver program. Where broadband access is severely limited, the Michigan Department of Education must give written approval for "offline" computer-based delivery of instruction and an alternative means of providing teacher-pupil interaction shall be required and shall be documented. Parents/Guardians can/should opt-out if access is adequate at home. If the learner loses internet connectivity, it must be communicated to NICE Community Schools within 24 hours.

Course Costs

NICE Community Schools will bear the cost of the online course if the learner is registered in the NICE Community Schools. Failure to meet the guidelines in this contract will result in reimbursement to NICE Community Schools of costs incurred.

NICE Community Schools Transcript

All final scores provided by the instructor will be converted to a letter grade as per the NICE Community Schools handbook and will be listed on the learner's transcript and included in the cumulative Grade Point average (GPA).

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating is considered a serious academic offense. Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

- A. Unauthorized sharing of test answers.
- B. Unauthorized sharing of class assignments or homework.
- C. Plagiarism

For purposes of this offense, plagiarism is defined as: the unauthorized representation of another's work as one's own. In addition, any unethical practice which compromises the integrity or teacher's intent of an assignment, test or quiz such as (but not limited to) the use of unauthorized resources (calculator, teacher materials, textbooks, another learner's work, etc.) shall be deemed to be cheating or plagiarism and will result in the following disciplinary action:

First offense— Loss of grade for assignment, parent and administration informed.

Second offense—Loss of grade for assignment, suspension from class until a conference is held with parents and administration, and possible failure of course.

<u>Third offense</u>— Automatic failure/loss of credit of course. Learner/Parents to cover cost of course.

The administration reserves the right to treat subsequent offenses in separate school years at the second and/or third offense levels.

Contract Violation

Consequences for violation of provisions of this contract:

1st offense: Verbal warning. Parents and local school district administration notified.

2nd offense: Written warning. Parents and local school district notified. Possible removal from program.

Learner and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Understanding I have read and understand the expectations in this contract.

Patriot Online Academy NICE Community Schools Technology Requirements/Waiver

In accordance with the Michigan Department of Education Pupil Accounting Manual 5-O-B A.6.a. and A.6.b., a computer will be offered to learners enrolled under an approved seat time waiver that includes internet capacity and appropriate software configuration for use by the pupil in the home for the length of time that the pupil is enrolled in the seat time waiver program. The broadband internet capacity shall be a minimum of 1 Mbsp up/3 Mbsp down for use in the home for the length of time that the pupil is enrolled in the seat time waiver program. Where broadband access is severely limited, the Michigan Department of Education must give written approval for "offline" computer-based delivery of instruction and an alternative means of providing teacher-pupil interaction shall be required and shall be documented.

Waiver of Technology Requirements

I have read and understand the technology requirements and choose to waiver my rights to have NICE Community Schools provide a computer and internet access due to having adequate availability of a computer and internet access in the home.

Parent/Guardian:	Date:
Coordinator:	Date:

Patriot Online Academy NICE Community Schools Academic Benchmarks

The Patriot Online Academy is committed to high academic standards and will require seat time waiver learners to validate their learning by the following assessments as required in the Michigan Department of Education Pupil Accounting Manual (5-O-B: Seat Time Waiver):

- Grade Appropriate Assessment Pupils enrolling in a district seat time waiver program must take the grade appropriate state assessment exam.
- 2. Michigan Merit Examination (MME) Pupils enrolled in a district seat time waiver program, who have earned 12 or more credits toward the high school diploma, must take the MME as scheduled by the Department of Education's Office of Assessment and Accountability. Pupils may only enroll in the district's seat time waiver program and claim more than 16 credits if the district arranges for the pupil to take the MME within the first year of enrollment.

NICE Community Schools will provide a learner with the testing materials at a location and time TBA. Patriot Online Academy learners and parents/guardians will be notified of the dates and locations of the appropriate testing. Learners and parents/guardians will be responsible to be in attendance for the appropriate exams.

State assessments are required for:

Grades 6-7-8 reading (2 days)
Grade 7 writing (2 days)
Grades 6-7-8 math
Grade 6 social studies
Grade 8 science
Grade 9 social studies
Grade 11 Michigan Merit Exam (3 days)

Learner & Parent/Guardian Acceptance of Academic Benchmarks Requirements as Stated Above											
Learner (print)	Learner (signature)	Date									
Parent/Guardian (print)	Parent/Guardian (signature	Date									

Patriot Online Academy Westwood High School Credit Requirements for Graduation

For POA Learners Who HAVE NOT Attended Westwood High School or Another Local Public High School

English Language Arts	4 credits
English 9	4 0,001.3
English 10	
English 11	
English 12	
Math	4 credits
Algebra I	
Geometry	
Algebra II	
(1) Additional class	1
Science	3 credits
Earth Science	
Biology or Applied Biology	
Chemistry or Physics	•
Social Studies	3 credits
World History/Geography	
US History/Geography	
Economics (1/2 credit)	
Civics or Government (1/2 credit)	
Visual, Performing and Applied Arts	1 credit
Any elective outside the core curriculum that	
is performance-, project-, or applied-based.	
Physical and Health Education	1 credit
Physical Education (1/2 credit)	
Health (1/2 credit)	
Other Electives	5 credits
(2 credits of Foreign Language)	
TOTAL	21 credits

(Approved by the NICE Community Schools Board of Education 9/20/2010)

For POA Learners Who HAVE Attended Westwood High School or Another Local Public High School

Same as Above With the Addition of 5 Other Electives

Other Electives (2 credits of Foreign Language)	10 credits
TOTAL	26 credits

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN - Patriot Online Academy

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Date of Birth:

Date of Most Recent Update:

Credits Needed to Graduate

26—Current/Previous WHS Student	·
21—POA Only	

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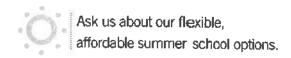
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MEAP 9th grade Social Studies		MME/ACT 11 th grade	
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Michigan course List



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS	HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCES
3 Language Arts 300	3 Mathematics 300	☐ 03 History and Geography 300
3 Spelling 300	4 Mathematics 400	☐ 04 History and Geography 400
4 Language Arts 400	5 Mathematics 500	☐ 05 History and Geography 500
4 Spelling 400	6 Mathematics 600	☐ 06 History and Geography 600
☐ 5 Language Arts 500	6 Mathematics 600 Fundamentals	☐ 08 History and Geography 800
5 Spelling 500	☐ 7 Mathematics 700	☐ 7-8 World Civilizations
6 Language Arts 600	☐ 7 Mathematics 700 Fundamentals	☐ 8 Civics*
6 Spelling 600	3 Mathematics 800	9-12 Economics*
6 Language Arts 600 Fundamentals	3 Mathematics 800 Fundamentals	9-12 Government*
7 Language Arts 700	9-12 Algebra	9-12 U.S. History Foundations to Present
7 Language Arts 700 Fundamentals	9-12 Algebra I Fundamentals	9-12 U.S. History Reconstruction to Presen
8 Language Arts 800	9-12 Geometry	9-12 World Geography
8 Language Arts 800 Fundamentals	9-12 Geometry Fundamentals	9-12 World History
9-12 English I	9-12 Algebra II	
9-12 English I Fundamentals	9-12 Algebra II Fundamentals	MORLD LANGUAGES
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9-12 English II Fundamentals	9-12 Coordinate Algebra	☐ 9-12 French I
9-12 English III	9-12 Analytic Geometry	9-12 French II
9-12 English III Fundamentals	9-12 Advanced Algebra	9-12 Spanish I
9-12 English IV	9-12 Consumer Math	9-12 Spanish II
9-12 English IV Fundamentals	9-12 Mathematical Models with Applications	9-12 Spanish III
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SCIENCE	9-12 Trigonometry*	
3 Science 300		
4 Science 400		
☐ 5 Science 500		
6 Science 600		
7 Science 700		
8 Science 800		
☐ 8-9 Earth Science		
9-12 Biology		
9-12 Chemistry		
☐ 11-12 Environmental Science		
9-12 Integrated Physics and Chemistry		
9-12 Physics		

Michigan course List, continued

NATIONAL TEST-PREP	GENERAL ELECTIVES
9-12 ACT® Test Prep	7-8 Health Quest*
9-12 GED® Test Pep	9-12 Art History
9-12 HISET* Test Prep	9-12 Business Computer Information Systems
☐ 9-12 TASC™ Prep	9-12 Computer Science Principles
	9-12 Civil War*
ASSESSMENTS, DIAGNOSTICS	9-12 Digital Literacy
AND TEST-PREP RESOURCES	9-12 Essentials of Business*
☐ K-8 SPARK Assessment & Remediation	9-12 Essentials of Communication*
Solution for English Language Arts and Mathematics	9-12 Health Education*
3-12 CORE Placement Tests for History,	9-12 Introduction to Computer Science
Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science	9-12 Media Studies*
9-12 Essentials of Language Arts	9-12 Music Appreciation*
9-12 Essentials of Mathematics	9-12 Music Theory*
9-12 Skills & Diagnostics Tests for English	9-12 Personal and Family Living*
Grammar & Mathematics	9-12 Personal Financial Literacy*
7 Mathematics 700 End of Course Test	9-12 Physical Education*
8 Mathematics 800 End of Course Test	9-12 Physical Fitness*
9-12 Algebra I End of Course Test	9-12 Psychology*
9-12 Geometry End of Course Test	9-12 Technology and Research*
9-12 Algebra II End of Course Test	9-12 Twentieth Century American History*
9-12 Probability and Statistics End-of-Course Test	9-12 Vietnam Era*
9-12 Mathematical Models with Applications End-of-Course Test	

- * One-semester course
- Available in 2021 in preparation for Back to School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL	GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Career Explorations I*	☐ Introduction to Careers in Government and Public Administration
Career Explorations II*	HEALTH SCIENCE
☐ Career Explorations fil*	Introduction to Careers in the Health Sciences*
☐ Keyboarding and Applications*	Careers in Allied Health*
AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES	☐ Forensics: Using Science to Solve a Mystery*
☐ Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources*	Health, Safety and Ethics in the Health Environment*
Agribusiness Systems*	☐ Nursing: Unlimited Possibilities and Unlimited Potential*
Animal Systems*	Physicians, Pharmacists, Dentists, Veterinarians, and Other
☐ Food Products and Processing Systems*	Doctors*
☐ Plant Systems*	☐ Public Health: Discovering the Big Picture in Health Care*
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems*	Scientific Discovery and Development*
ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION	☐ Therapeutics: The Art of Restoring and Maintaining Wellness*
☐ Introduction to Careers in Architecture and Construction*	HOSPITALITY & TOURISM
☐ Construction Careers*	Food Safety and Sanitation*
	☐ Marketing and Sales for Tourism and Hospitality*
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	☐ Planning Meetings and Special Events*
☐ Business Law*	☐ Sustainable Service Management for Hospitality and Tourism*
Career Management*	☐ Transportation and Tours for the Traveler*
☐ Office 2013 Applications I Microsoft Word®, PowerPoint®, & Publisher®*	HUMAN SERVICES
☐ Office 2013 Applications II Microsoft Excel® and Access®*	☐ Introduction to Human Services*
☐ Principles of Business and Finance*	Family and Community Services*
☐ Small Business Entrepreneurship*	☐ Introduction to Consumer Services*
☐ Technology and Business	☐ Introduction to Human Growth and Development*
EDUCATION & TRAINING	Personal Care Services*
☐ Introduction to Careers in Education and Training*	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
☐ Teaching and Training Careers*	☐ Introduction to Information Technology*
FINANCE	Fundamentals of Computer Systems*
☐ Introduction to Careers in Finance*	Fundamentals of Digital Media*
Banking Services Careers*	Fundamentals of Programming and Software Development*
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	☐ Introduction to Network Systems*
	☐ Network System Design*
	New Applications: Web Development in the 21st Century*
	Software Development Tools*

Michigan course list, continued

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, & SECURITY
☐ Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security*
Corrections: Policies and Procedures*
☐ Fire and Emergency Services*
Law Enforcement Field Services*
Legal Services*
Security and Protective Services*
MARKETING
Careers in Marketing Research*
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)
☐ Introduction to STEM*
☐ Engineering and Design*
☐ Engineering and Product Development*
Science and Mathematics in the Real World*
Scientific Research*
STEM and Problem Solving*
TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION & LOGISTICS
TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION & LOGISTICS ☐ Introduction to Careers in Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics*





WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child has enrolled through the Patriot Online Academy (POA) for the 2nd semester of the 2021/2022 school year. Our POA classes require a high level of responsibility on the part of the student. The POA curriculum differs from our traditional classes in several ways. The most significant differences for your child will be the self-directed learning and the fact that your child is <u>not</u> required to log in during any specific time during the day.

The two most vital characteristics of a successful online student are self-motivation and self-discipline. It is very easy to fall behind in the online world, even for our best students. The advantages of online learning can also be drawbacks. The online academy is designed to be flexible. Students can work anywhere at any time, but keep in mind, since your student is not required to log in at specific times during the day, it can be very easy to procrastinate. We recommend setting a daily schedule for each class and sticking to it. Students are allowed to work ahead of schedule and finish early if they so choose.

Please note, quarterly grades WILL be assigned to our POA classes which means your student will have to be <u>at or beyond 50% course completion by March 25th, 2022</u> and 100% completion by June 3rd, 2022. Students are required to complete approximately 5% progress in each course each week. In addition, POA students need to work diligently throughout the semester to maintain adequate progress and remain eligible for athletics. We encourage our parents to track student progress through the login page or by contacting the student's mentor, Scott Syrjala. Mr. Syrjala's email address is <a href="mailto:syrjala:syr

Additionally, each student is required to have <u>at least</u> one contact per week with their "Teacher of Record." Students will have a local "teacher of record" for each online class. This communication must pertain to the course content. Students can expect a "Welcome Letter" from their respective teachers during the first week of school. The welcome letter will include office hours and contact information.

Finally, each student will be responsible for filling out an EDP (Educational Development Plan) attachment to have on file with their EDP. Enclosed is the form. Please fill it out and return it back to the high school office.

Complete and return the bottom section of this letter to the high school office for stud ent enrollment. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Corcoran at 485-1023 during regular school hours. Sincerely. Mr. Kurt Corcoran, POA Administrator Signing below indicates that you have read, understand, and agree with the Patriot Online student responsibilities. If you would like to be enrolled in the "Parent Portal" which would allow you access to your child's progress, please include your e-mail address. You will be sent a confirmation email with directions on how to access your child's progress. Parent's signature: Parent's phone number: Student's Name _____ Student's cell#:_____ Access to the parent portal? (Yes) or (No)--->if yes, include email address below: Parent's e-mail_____ For Office Use Only In our professional judgment the above student's educational needs would be best served by participating in these online courses. It is agreed that if the student fails to perform satisfactorily in the online courses that he/she will meet with staff to discuss their schedule. Permission has been granted to the student.

School Officials Position

Date

School Official Name

School Officials Signature

	Grade: <u>EDP ATTACHMENT</u> (Educational Development Plan)			
Please fill out completely with all 7 of your classes.				
☐ DUAL ENROLLMENT	ONLINE COURSE			
CLASS NAME:	DATES of COURSE ENROLLMENT:			
1	1. <u>January 2022</u>			
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