

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **How do I enroll in the Cougar Academy?**

Follow this link to our website: [www.adacougars.net](http://www.adacougars.net)

Under "Quick Links" click on the "2020-2021 "Cougar Academy" link. Complete the application.

#### **Is there a deadline to enroll in the academy?**

Yes –the application must be submitted by Friday, August 7, 2020. This allows our teachers and administrators to make necessary adjustments to schedules.

#### **Will the Cougar Academy be available for students in Pre-Kindergarten?**

No.

#### **Once my student is enrolled in the Cougar Academy, can I change my mind?**

Yes -The student has 10 days from the beginning of school to opt out of the program and return to the traditional classroom. After 10 days the student must remain in the Cougar Academy until the end of the semester. If the student wants to return to traditional school, the parent/guardian must notify the school by Monday, December 7, 2020.

#### **Will students be allowed to opt-in to the Cougar Academy after August 7<sup>th</sup>?**

Yes - Families currently enrolled must opt in by August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will make exceptions for students who are new to the Ada City School District.

#### **Will my student be assigned a support teacher to interact and monitor their course work? How often?**

Yes - An Ada City School District teacher will be assigned to interact and monitor each student. The interaction may vary according to need, grade level, coursework demand, and other factors. The interaction may occur through email, text message, phone call, or virtual meeting.

#### **How is the Cougar Academy different from other non-traditional educational programs?**

Your student will be a part of the Ada City School District and will receive all of the opportunities of being part of our school culture. The desire of our district is for your student to have the opportunity to grow and reach their academic potential and become a contributor to our community. Your student will have a certified teacher from the Ada City School District who cares about your child and is concerned about the academic and well-being of your student.

**Can my student participate in extracurricular activities and/or athletics while enrolled in the Cougar Academy?**

Yes - If your student would like to be in Performing Arts, Choir, Band, Athletics or any other extracurricular activity they must enroll in our “Flex” option. This option is available to students in grades 7-12 who can provide their own transportation. In the “Flex” option the student must attend at least one hour of class to participate in extracurricular activities.

**Will the Ada City School District maintain the same standards of education and curriculum for the virtual students as they do for the traditional students?**

Yes - The standards will remain the same for both settings; however, the deployment of the standards will be different based on the instructional delivery of the appropriate content management system. The teacher of record in both the Cougar Academy and the traditional classroom have the ability to supplement the instruction as they see necessary.

**Will my student have access to academic assistance?**

Yes - Students using the “Edgenuity” platform will have access to “concept coaches” six days per week, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm. Students who are using the “Moby Max” platform will have access to the CA coordinator and other teachers during their office hours. Also, we hope to partner with East Central University for their students to provide tutoring assistance. More information will be provided concerning this program.

**Will students in the Cougar Academy have access to the Ada City School District teachers throughout the day or only at specific times?**

Ada School teachers have a variety of responsibilities throughout the day. Teachers will have regularly scheduled “office hours” in addition to responding to emails within 24 hours.

**How will the Cougar Academy be different from distance learning in the spring?**

During distance learning, the Oklahoma State Department of Education provided strict guidance regarding the instructional delivery methods and the grading practices for instructional activities. Schools and teachers across the state were not prepared to facilitate distance learning. The spring was more about learning what we didn’t know. Since that time we have had the opportunity to add a content management system, provide professional development, and to better understand how to better facilitate virtual learning. We feel our instruction and courses will be more relevant and rigorous.

**Will students in the Cougar Academy have a device made available to them?**

Students in the Cougar Academy will have the same opportunities available to them that the students in the traditional setting are offered.

**Will students in the Cougar Academy be allowed to take AP courses?**

Yes - AP courses are offered in some areas. Furthermore, we will have access to various other courses that we were not able to offer on site that should allow students to advance and be academically challenged.

**Is Edgenuity and Moby Max set up to address challenges and opportunities facing English Language Learners?**

Yes - Edgenuity and Moby Max are set up to address language learners at a variety of levels.

**Does the full online option have a set schedule or can students study at their own pace?**

The virtual schedule is flexible. Students do not have to work during school hours, but they must remain on the recommended pacing of the program. Students should plan to devote four to five hours per day to complete their assignments. Cougar Academy staff may occasionally schedule specific learning activities that students must sign on to attend during the day.

**Will students with special needs be allowed to choose the Cougar Academy? Will this affect their services?**

Students who are served by an IEP may choose to be a part of the Cougar Academy. The IEP team will determine appropriate services, accommodations, and modifications.

**Can students enrolled in the Cougar Academy take more advanced courses?**

Yes - if agreed upon by the Cougar Academy team.

**Can students in the Cougar Academy complete their course work more quickly than the pace guide recommends?**

Yes - Students are allowed to work at a faster pace and complete their course if they so desire.



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