



2017-2018

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ABOUT

Bridges Virtual provides online elementary, middle and high school courses open to all districts. All courses are asynchronous.

Students enrolled in Bridges courses remain students of their home district. Students can be enrolled on a part-time or full-time basis; districts determine which Bridges courses align with their current course offerings. Students will receive credit from their home district upon successful completion of their online courses. Bridges Virtual does not provide transcripts.

Bridges provides an Online Learning Mentor who will work with the district to determine which courses are the best fit for each student. All registrations are to be made online via our online student information system, Genius.

Bridges asks that all districts provide a liaison or point of contact if any questions or concerns should arise that cannot be answered by the Online Learning Mentor.

COURSES

Bridges Virtual offers elementary, middle and high school courses through third party content providers. Bridges offers online courses from Advanced Academics (Connections Education), Apex Learning, Edgenuity, K12, and FuelEducation. Students enrolled in third party courses will be assigned a Pennsylvania certified teacher. Courses are asynchronous and pace students by assigning weekly assignments.

Bridges also offers online college courses through a partnership with Bucks County Community College.

We offer Advanced Placement, Honors, Foundations, Diagnostic and Common Core aligned courses. Most courses are NCAA approved and can provide accommodations for students with IEPs and 504s.

Course catalogs can be found at www.bridgesvirtual.org. If you have any questions please reach out to Bridges Virtual at bridges@bucksiu.org or 215-340-4573.

NCAA COURSES

The following providers offer NCAA approved courses:

Apex Learning
Edgenuity

Please contact Bridges Virtual if you are interested in enrolling a NCAA student.

IEPs & 504s

Students with specific IEPs or 504s can receive specific accommodations in a number of the courses offered. The student's home district is still responsible for providing the supports necessary in addition to the online teacher assigned to the student's online course.

Please email any IEPs or 504s to the Online Learning Mentor. Districts may be required to fill out brief paperwork for any student needing accommodations.

If you have any questions please contact Bridges Virtual.

TECHNOLOGY

Bridges Virtual does not provide hardware or technology to students. Each district can determine if they are able to provide hardware and software to students.

The Online Learning Mentor can provide technology support to students if they should have difficulties accessing course content.

MATERIALS

Course materials such as textbooks are provided by Bridges Virtual. Textbooks will be mailed directly to the student.

Textbooks must be returned to Bridges at the end of the course. A pre-paid mailing envelope is provided.

SUPPORT

Bridges provides an Online Learning Mentor to register and monitor student progress. The Online Learning Mentor assists parents, students, and districts with any questions or concerns regarding the program.

The Online Learning Mentor will also provide weekly progress reports to the district liaison. The Mentor will check-in and communicate with parents and students regularly.

COST

Bridges Third Party Middle and High School Courses - \$350 per semester

Bridges Third Party A.P and World Language Courses - \$400 per semester

Bridges Elementary Courses (K-5) -

4 Courses - \$3,300

5 Courses - \$3,500

6 Courses - \$3,700

Bridges College Courses (Bucks County Community College) - Please contact Bridges Virtual for pricing information.

REGISTRATION

Bridges Virtual operates on rolling enrollments.

1. Determine a point of contact at your district that will be responsible for registering and monitoring students taking online courses.
2. Determine which Bridges courses fit the student you are looking to enroll.
3. Please contact the Student Programming Assistant, Eve LaPier, if you have any questions about the courses before you register your student.
4. All registrations must be made online using our online registration and student information system, Genius. Registration directions will be sent directly to the appointed contact at your district.
5. The Student Programming Assistant will receive a notification and process the registration within 24-48 hours.
6. Students will receive login information via email for their online courses. Students' parents/guardians and point of contact will be included on this email. This email indicates that the student has been successfully registered.
7. Students must complete an online orientation before beginning their academic work. The orientation format depends on the type of courses the student is taking.
8. The Student Programming Assistant will monitor students' progress through the orientation and throughout the duration of their online course(s).

DROP PERIOD

School districts have 10 business days to drop students with no charge to the district. If a student is dropped after 10 business days, the district will be returned the course cost less a \$75.00 non-refundable administration fee per course.

BRIDGES 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

First Day of School - Monday, August 28, 2017

Last Day of School - Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

All courses are semester courses. Bridges does not provide marking period grades. Please contact Bridges Virtual if you require this information. Please be aware that any grades pulled for marking period purposes will not average smoothly at the end of the school year.

*may vary depending on school district

HOLIDAYS & SNOW DAYS

Bridges Virtual does not require the need for snow make-up days. Students will still be required to complete their course work if the school building is not open during the winter months.

Students are required to follow their home district schedule in regards to holidays. Students are required to complete weekly assignments as assigned by the teacher.

EXTENSIONS

Extensions must be requested at least one week prior to the student course end date. Some extensions will come at an extra cost to the district. Please contact Bridges Virtual for more information.

Start enrolling today!

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