

Wildcat Digital Academy - Frequently Asked Questions

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| Q: | What is Wildcat Digital Academy (WDA)? |
| A: | A tuition-free, online program offers students personalized, blended learning opportunities by combining state-of-the-art digital curriculum and instruction with local school resources including teacher classroom support within a flexible and comfortable learning environment. It is designed to meet the needs of students who prefer to learn primarily in a blended environment. This program offers a full range of online courses for students in grades 9-12 and is aligned to Ohio's New Learning Standards. |

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| Q: | Who are the teachers for WDA? |
| A: | Wildcat Digital includes a diverse and highly qualified staff that coach the various content areas including an intervention specialist. |

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| Q: | My child is currently enrolled in an Ohio Virtual School. Is this program similar? |
| A: | Yes, the program is similar by virtue of the curriculum being delivered mainly through technology. The difference is that Canton South teachers will be working directly with students. We also will have students working on site at Canton South, so that we may more effectively support their educational endeavors. Additionally, enrolling in WDA will allow students to receive a Canton South High School diploma upon graduation and enables them to participate in all Canton Local Schools' extracurricular activities, including athletics, clubs, band, choir, theater, etc. |

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| Q: | My child is currently enrolled in a charter school. Is this program similar? |
| A: | No, WDA is a tuition-free, online program that offers students personalized, blended learning opportunities by combining state-of-the-art digital curriculum and instruction with local school resources including teacher classroom support within a flexible, comfortable, and personalized learning environment. |

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| Q: | My child is currently home-schooled. Is this program similar? |
| A: | Home-schooling requires parents to select the curriculum and educational materials and take responsibility for educating their children, and notify the school district from which they reside. There is no state financial assistance for families who choose this option. The WDA is a tuition-free, online program offers students personalized, blended learning opportunities by combining state-of-the-art digital curriculum and instruction with local school resources including teacher classroom support within a flexible and comfortable learning environment. Learning is provided in a 1:1 or small group setting to reinforce lessons presented via the computer. Also, students that are home-schooled may work at their own pace from home and/or in the WDA digital lab. All students enrolled in the WDA will be provided with a device, but Internet access will not be provided by the WDA. Students will be required to complete work using a pacing chart that will be reviewed weekly by their content coaches to ensure each student is successfully working towards earning credits for graduation. |

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| Q: | What are the advantages of Wildcat Digital Academy? |
| A: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive a diploma from Canton South High School upon graduation. 2. Flexible scheduling and personalized learning with highly qualified teachers. 3. Opportunities to accelerate graduation. 4. Low student-to-teacher ratio. 5. Eligible to participate in ALL district activities, including extracurricular. 6. Receive individualized attention for academics, career counseling, success coaching and much more. 7. Students can have a full- or part-time job while attending. |

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| Q: | My child is on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), can he/she still enroll in WDA? |
| A: | Yes. We have a licensed intervention specialist as part of the WDA staff. As part of the IEP process, however, the IEP team will have to determine if WDA is an appropriate placement for the individual student. Upon enrollment approval, students on an IEP will continue to receive specially designed instructional services as well as any necessary accommodations or modifications. |

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| Q: | My child is on a 504 Accommodation Plan, can he/she still enroll in WDA? |
| A: | Yes. We have a licensed intervention specialist as part of the WDA staff. As part of the 504 process, however, the 504 team will have to determine if WDA is an appropriate placement for the individual student. Upon enrollment approval, students on 504 will continue to receive specially designed instructional services as well as any necessary accommodations or modifications. |

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| Q: | My child is on an IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan, will he/she still receive appropriate accommodations and/or modifications? |
| A: | Yes. WDA staff will follow all accommodations and modifications set forth in IEP and 504 plans. |

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| Q: | Will my child still be required to pass state tests in order to graduate? |
| A: | Yes. WDA students will be required to follow all graduation requirements set forth by the State of Ohio. At this point, WDA students will need to obtain minimum scores on End of Course exams for graduation. |

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| Q: | My child will miss, or misses, a significant amount of school, can I still enroll in WDA? |
| A: | Yes. WDA allows for flexible scheduling but must be current with all coursework. Coursework can be completed at home. |

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| Q: | My child is enrolled in Career Technical programs, can he/she also enroll in WDA? |
| A: | Yes. Speak with your high school counselor or the Wildcat Digital Academy Coordinator to learn more about your opportunities. |

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| Q: | Where will my child have class when attending Canton South High School? |
| A: | The Wildcat Digital Academy will be in the digital lab classroom at Canton South High School. |

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| Q: | Can I recover credits through WDA? |
| A: | Yes. WDA offers credit recovery courses through Edgenuity. |

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| Q: | Is there transportation provided for students in the morning, midday, and/or after school? |
| A: | Transportation is available to school in the morning and from school in the afternoon. Students attending AM session only will need to arrange for their own transportation home from school. Students attending PM session only will need to arrange for their own transportation to school. |

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| Q: | Can I eat breakfast and lunch at CSHS if I am enrolled in WDA? |
| A: | Yes, students are able to get breakfast and lunch at Canton South. Procedures for breakfast and lunch will be determined on an individual basis. |

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| Q: | If I am enrolled in WDA, can I re-enroll to attend Canton South? |
| A: | Yes. Enrollment approval must be requested and approved by the WDA coordinator and CSHS principal. |

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| Q: | Do I ever have to attend school at Canton South during school hours? |
| A: | <p>No and Yes.</p> <p><u>No:</u> Attendance options are based on individualized ‘Academic Tier’ which indicates amounts of time required to spend at school and at home. WDA students MUST complete ALL Cumulative Exams in the WDA digital lab. Exception: Students may complete Cumulative Exams outside if WDA if approved by the WDA Coordinator. Requests for the completion of Cumulative Exams outside the WDA must be made by contacting the WDA Coordinator.</p> <p><u>Yes:</u> All Statewide Testing (EOC Exams, AIR Assessments) must be completed in the WDA digital lab. This is a state mandate.</p> |

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| Q: | How am I notified of progress? |
| A: | <p>There are several ways to be notified of progress. First, content coaches can be contacted for progress questions. Second, Edgenuity will constantly update students on progress indicating ‘Behind,’ ‘On Target,’ or ‘Ahead.’</p>  <p>Lastly, you can contact the WDA coordinator for progress updates.</p> |

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| Q: | Can I take ALL needed credits in WDA and still receive a diploma from Canton South High School? |
| A: | Yes. You must meet all graduation requirements per Canton Local Board of Education Policy. |

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| Q: | What are athletic eligibility requirements? |
| A: | Students must have passed 5 1-credit courses during the 9-weeks prior to, and during the sports season. In addition, students must maintain a 1.0 cumulative GPA. |