

# **CCS CONNECTS:**

## **Learning Beyond Our Walls**

### **HIGH SCHOOL ONLINE COURSES**

**CONESTOGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
2010-2011**



CCS is pleased to offer learning opportunities to our high school students through online providers. Offering online options to our students is not a replacement for traditional classroom instruction. We believe that the optimal environment for learning is within a community that promotes interpersonal relationships and engagement with others. We also recognize that CCS may not always be able to accommodate every student's academic and scheduling needs.

This online course option would be used in situations where a student...

- Needs to retake a class
- Needs a course not currently offered
- Has a schedule conflict
- Benefits from an individualized pace
- Desires to gain college credit while in high school
- Desires to take a course for enrichment

**Online learning opportunities at CCS are made possible by partnering with two established online providers:**

**Sevenstar Academy** offers Christian curriculum and teaching that complements our mission as a Christian organization. Sevenstar is accredited by the National Private School Accreditation Alliance, which accredits over 30,000 schools in all 50 states and is 20 years old. Sevenstar Academy has demonstrated a commitment to providing the strongest possible curriculum for students. Their courses meet the highest levels of education and require critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis.

To extend the available course offerings and provide additional options for students, we also partner with **Lincoln Interactive**. Lincoln Interactive partners with a variety of schools, including PA Cyber School, to provide online courses. They are not a Christian organization but their curriculum is carefully crafted by experienced educators to meet national standards. All instructors are PA certified. Lincoln Interactive provides options that are not available through Sevenstar Academy.

#### **Scheduling/Computer Use**

The online delivery of these courses will offer flexibility in scheduling. Students will be able to designate one of their free periods for their online course. In addition, online courses will require work outside of the school day on the student's home computer. Students may choose to bring their own laptop with approval from the school.

All online courses are subject to the approval of the CCS administration. As a rule, courses may not be taken in place of courses currently offered at CCS.

## Transcripts and Grading

Students who take courses through a CCS partner organization will be able to have the course grade counted in their CCS GPA. The CCS transcript will identify the course as an online course and reflect the percentage grade assigned by the online provider.

After beginning an online course, students will have two weeks to decide if they want to have the course grade included in their CCS GPA or have the credit recorded on a separate transcript provided by the partner organization. Percentage grades, not letter grades, will be used on the CCS transcript.

Students not completing a course by the due date will receive a grade of incomplete. Two weeks will then be given to finish the course work. If the course work is not completed within two additional weeks, the student will receive a failing grade for the course. The transcript would identify the course as an online course.

## Supervision

Each student will be assigned an Online Course Advisor from the CCS faculty. The advisor will give oversight to the student's progress and give direction to the online process. The CCS faculty member is not the course instructor.

Both online partners provide resources for student support such as instructor office hours, email accessibility, and opportunities for interaction with the instructor. The online instructor is to be the first resource for online course questions.

## Dual Credit

Dual credit courses allow students to earn credits for both their CCS diploma and their college degree. The indicated institutions of higher education award the college credits. When students apply to colleges and universities other than the one that awards the dual credits, those dual credits are viewed as "transfer credits"- credits coming from another institution. Accepting those transfer credits is the decision of those other colleges and universities. Students are urged to check with the college or university to which they plan to apply to explore the likelihood of accepting transfer credits earned through a dual credit course.

## 2009-2010 Program Costs were as follows (2010-2011 costs will be made available this spring)

Online Course Registration Fee	\$ 30.00 per year
Full year 1 credit course	\$550.00
Half year ½ credit course	
Sevenstar	\$440.00
Lincoln Interactive	\$300.00
Quarter year ¼ credit course	\$200.00
AP courses, dual credit, gears, & CADD	\$100.00 additional
Materials fee	Varies by course*

\*Most Lincoln Interactive courses and some Sevenstar courses require an additional materials fee. All fees are non-refundable and are due to be paid in full 3 weeks before the course start date.

## Available Courses

For a listing of available courses through Sevenstar Academy or Lincoln Interactive please check the **CCS Connects** page on our website. [http://conestogachristian.net/ccs\\_connects.htm](http://conestogachristian.net/ccs_connects.htm)

Please indicate your interest in an online program in the space provided on your CCS 2010-2011 Course Selection Sheet.