Erie's Public Schools Cyber Choice Academy

Grades 6-8

General Information & Parent Guide



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Welcome to EPS Cyber Choice Academy at Emerson-Gridley

We are so excited that you have chosen to be a part of our Cyber Choice Academy! We are here to help you and your student have a successful school year. Please use this guide to help you navigate the K-12 Stride online learning platform. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or any member of the administration. Contact information is below.

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Arrival Procedures

Cyber labs open for students enrolled at the Cyber Choice Academy at 8 a.m. All cyber students will enter Emerson-Gridley through the location marked "A" on the map below. Upon arrival, students will walk through a metal detector and all bags will be searched. Students will be offered breakfast before being directed to their classroom.

Dismissal Procedures

Cyber labs close for students enrolled at the Cyber Choice Academy at 12 p.m. All cyber students will leave their classrooms and report to the cafeteria for a hot lunch from 12-12:30 p.m. Following lunch, students will exit through the doors marked "B" on the map below. Cyber Choice Academy students are not permitted to reenter the building following dismissal.

Guest or Visitor Procedures

Parents and guardians are welcome to come to the main office, entering the building through the doors marked "A" on the map. After entering through the double doors, you will see a second set of doors with a buzzer to the right of the door. Please press the buzzer once, wait for the secretary to answer, and let the secretary know the reason for your visit. Visitors will pass through metal detectors before proceeding to the main office on the 1st floor. Visitors are not permitted on any other floor of the building.





Attendance Requirements

- 1. As part of the Erie's Public Schools school district, the Cyber Choice Academy follows the EPS school year calendar.
- 2. Students MUST log in to their K-12 Stride account each day school is in session in our district.
- 3. K-12 Stride sets a "Plan" for each student. Students must complete their "Daily Plan" for each school day or will be marked absent.

Submitting Excuses for Student Absenses

School attendance is important and directly affects student success. Whenever possible, please try to schedule doctor's appointments and other commitments outside of school hours. If your child is absent from school, please send an excuse in one of the following ways:

- 1. Drop off a written note or doctor's excuse, including student's name, date of absence and reason for absence, in person at Emerson-Gridley (816 Park Avenue North).
- 2. Send an email to the assistant principal, Dr. Eric Sandberg, at esandberg@eriesd.org, that includes the information listed above.
- 3. Visit the link below or use your smartphone to scan QR code and complete an online form.

Absences will be excused for those reasons listed in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. The full EPS Attendance policy is available at https://www.eriesd.org/handbook.

Attendance Link

https://forms.office.com/r/JSjg7chHSp



EPS 2022-2023 CALENDAR

29 First Day of School for Students

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20 Act 80 Day- Non-Attendance Day for Students

2 Non Attendance Day for Students

5 Labor Day No School

30 Act 80 Day- No School for Students

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31 End of Third Quarter

10 Act 80 Day- No School for Students

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3,4,5,6 Spring Break- No School

7,10 District Holiday

2 End of First Quarter

8 Election Day-Flexible Instruction

21 Parent Conference-Non-Attendance day for Students

22 Parent Conference-Non-Attendance day for Students

23-28 District Holiday

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16 Election Day- Flexible Instruction

29 Memorial Day- No School

23,26 District Holiday

27-29 District Shutdown

30 District Holiday

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2 Seniors Last Day

6 Last Day for Students

2 District Holiday

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-District Holiday

20 End of Second Quarter

23 Recording Day- Non-attendance day for students

24 Beginning of 2nd Semester

27 Act 80 Day- Non-Attendance Day for Students

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PSSA Testing Dates

ELA/Math/Science April 24-28, 2023

Make Ups May 1-12, 2023



Any changes to the school year calendar or educational schedule will be communicated by the district via the district website, eriesd.org, the district's Facebook page, and the One Call telephone notification system.

What do I do if the school district calls for a...

PARENTAL DISCRETION DAY?

Cyber labs will be OPEN.

If the school district announces a "Parental Discretion Day," students have two options:

- 1. Come to the Cyber Lab at the regularly scheduled time, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 2. Let their teacher know they will not be attending in lab and log into Stride from home and work through their "Daily Plan."

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY?

Cyber labs will be CLOSED.

If the school district announces a "Virtual Learning Day" students should:

- 1. Stay home and log in to K-12 Stride to complete their "Daily Plan".
- 2. Attend scheduled Class Connect sessions.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY?

Cyber labs will be CLOSED.

If the school district schedules a "Flexible Instruction Day" students should:

- 1. Stay home and log in to K-12 Stride to complete their "Daily Plan."
- 2. Attend scheduled Class Connect sessions.



"How To" Guides

The pages that follow will help you navigate the K-12 Stride platform.

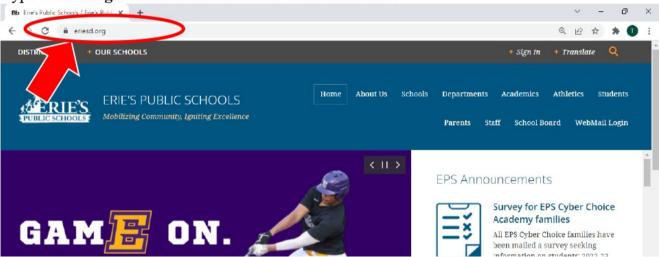
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- General Overview of the Platform
- How to Check Your Student's Grades
- How to See if Your Student has a Scheduled Class Connect
- How to Help Your Student Improve Their Grade

HOW TO LOG IN AS A LEARNING COACH (PARENT/GUARDIAN):

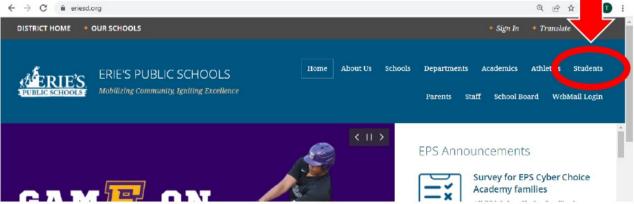
1. Open up a Google Chrome web browser.



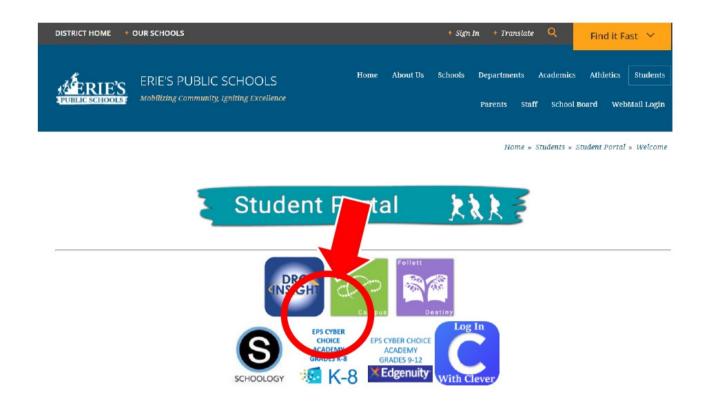
2. Type **eriesd.org** in the search bar and hit the enter button.



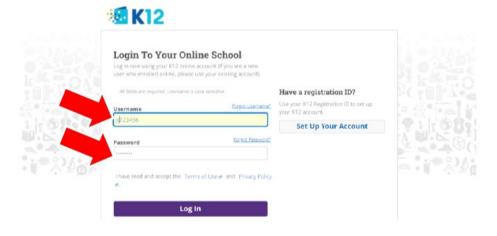
3. In the blue bar near the top of the screen, click on "Students."



4. Click on the icon that says "EPS Cyber Choice Academy Grades K-8."

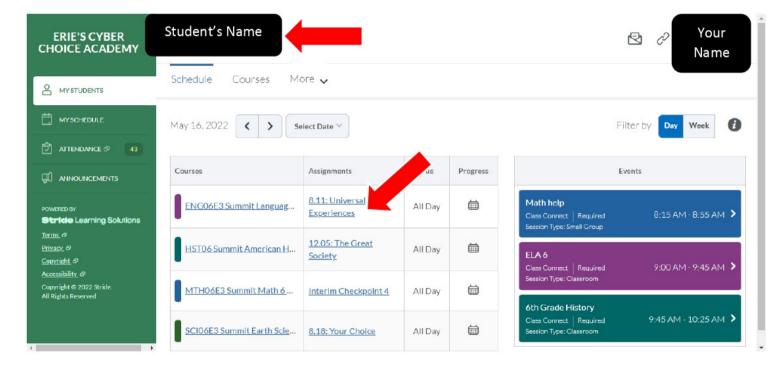


- 5. The username is provided in this packet. The password is epscyber.
- 6. Click the purple log in button.



GENERAL OVERVIEW

- 1. Once logged in, if you have multiple students in the cyber program you will need to click on the dropdown menu at the top of the page to toggle between student names.
- 2. This page will give you a general overview of what assignments are due that day.
- 3. To access each assignment, click on the assignment name. A popup will appear. Select "yes."

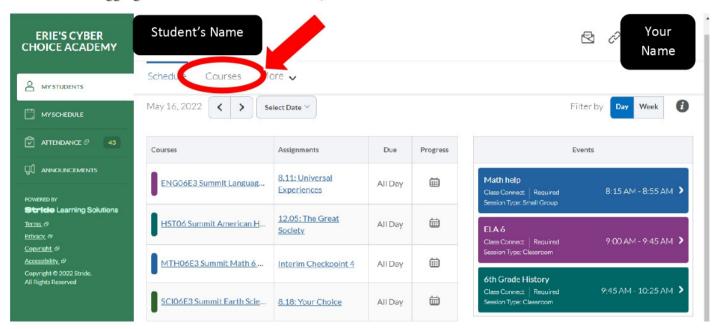


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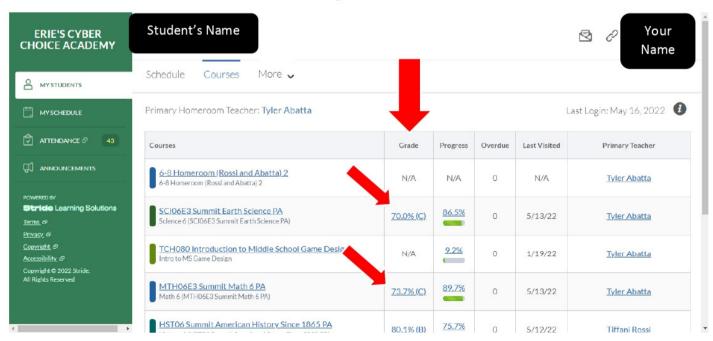


HOW TO CHECK MY STUDENT'S GRADES

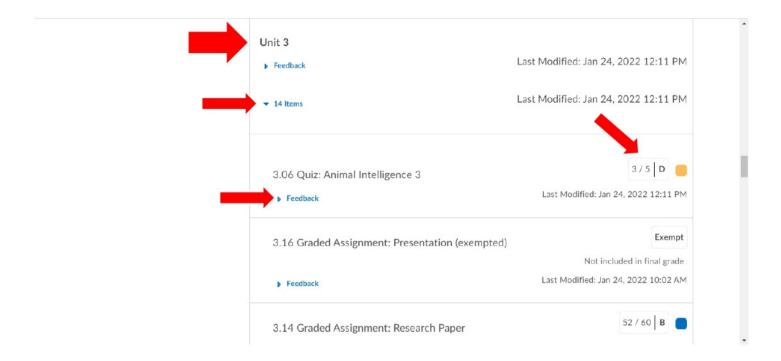
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2. The grade column displays the student's current grade for that class. Click on the grade if you would like to see a more detailed breakdown of the grade.

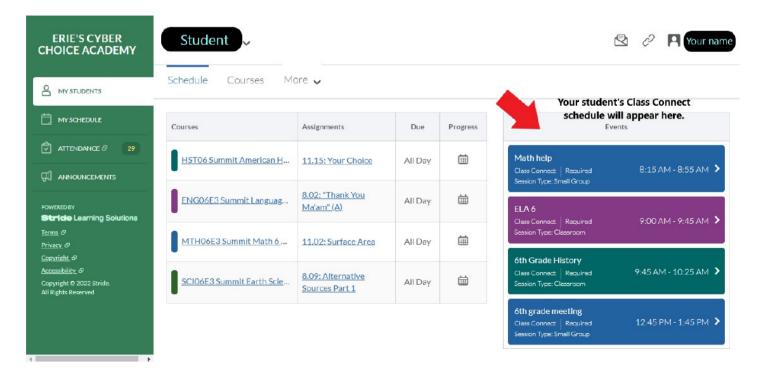


3. Scroll down to see the units that are included in the selected course. Click on the items to see specific scores. Click on feedback to read comments on that particular assignment.



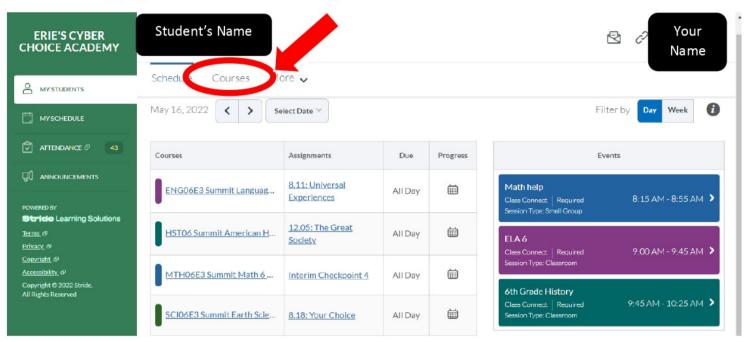
HOW TO SEE IF MY STUDENT HAS A SCHEDLUED CLASS CONNECT

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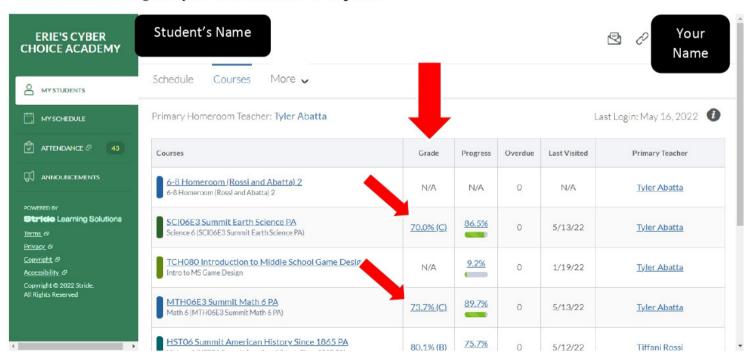


HOW TO HELP MY STUDENT IMPROVE THEIR GRADE

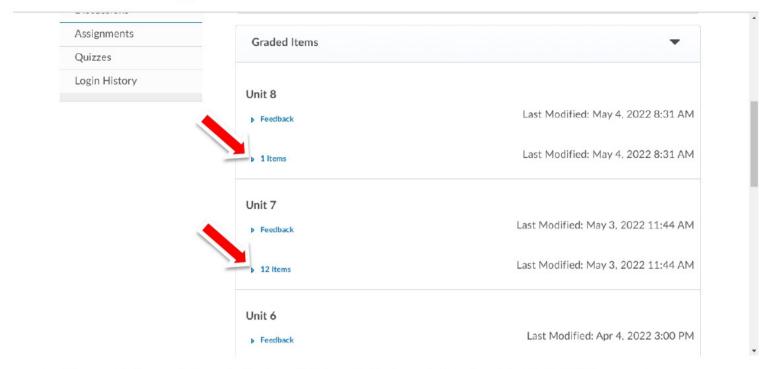
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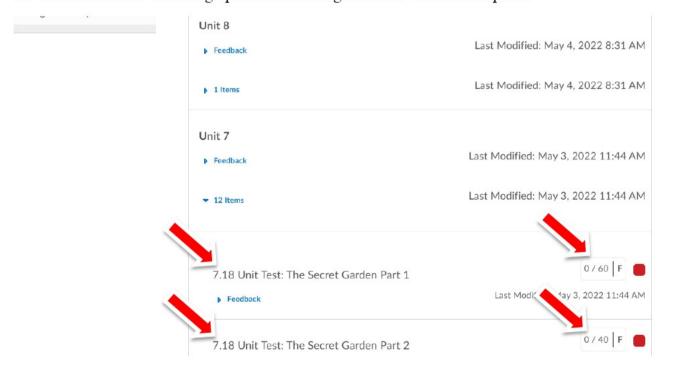
2. Click on the grade your student wants to improve.



3. Scroll down through the different units and click on items.



4. The grade for each item is displayed. Your student must then log into their K-12 account, go to that specific class, select content, and then type in the lesson number in the search bar on the left. This will bring up the lesson/assignment for them to complete.





Required District Assessments

All students will be given benchmark assessments (screenings) several times per year. Required district assessments can be accessed through Clever. See Student Guide on how to log in to Clever.

SMARTFUTURES

Smart Futures is an online career planning platform that helps kids, teens and young adults discover who they are, where they are going, and how to get there. Each year your student will be required to complete several activities.



iReady is a math diagnostic that assesses student knowledge in four main math concepts. It assesses knowledge in numbers and operations, algebra and algebraic thinking, measurement and data, and geometry. It is important to let your student complete this without your help. This assessment sets their learning path in the iReady platform.

Required Pennsylvania State Assessments



Every student in Pennsylvania in grades 3 through 8 is assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Every student in Pennsylvania in grades 4 and 8 is assessed in Science. When we have a final PSSA testing schedule (around April), we will mail out the information.



Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)

The Cyber Choice Academy and all programs located at Emerson-Gridley utilize Positive Behavior Intervention Support, a nationally recognized model used to improve school safety and promote positive behavior. PBIS also helps teachers, students, and staff review data and make informed decisions about expectations and develop appropriate consequences when those expectations are not met. PBIS calls for teachers to deliver lessons about behavior just as they would about any other subject: When students are aware of expectations and understand them, students are better equipped to meet the expectations. Behavior expectations are taught and acknowledged throughout the school year. Our behavior expectations are centered around three main concepts: being respectful, being responsible and being resilient.

*Voice choice: 0 - Silence, 1 - Whisper, 2 - Normal Conversation, 3 - Loud conversation, 4 - Yelling



Emerson-Gridley Expectations



We expect students to be:	Classrooms & Labs	Hallway	Dining Hall	Bathroom	Bus	Class Connect or Zoom
Voice Choice:	1 or 2	0 or 1	1 or 2	0 or 1	1 or 2	1 or 2
Respectful	Be kind Keep food/drinks away from devices Use electronic devices correctly Follow the dress code Raise your hand	Be considerate of others' personal space Walk on the right side of the hall Use appropriate language and volume Stay on your assigned floor	Use manners Use appropriate language Clean up area before leaving	Follow pass procedures Return quickly to designated area (go, flush, wash, return) Honor the privacy of others		Keep camera on Mute yourself Answer the teacher when called upon Listen when your teachers and classmates are talking Keep food/drinks away from devices
Responsible	Be on time Stay at your desk or assigned area Stay on target to finish your work Actively participate in class and stay awake Be organized, have class materials and assignments ready	Pick up after yourself and throw away trash Follow hall pass procedures Stay tight to the right	Be on time Know your lunch number Report any problems, concerns, or unsafe situations to an adult Clean up area before leaving	Report any problems or concerns to an adult Clean up after yourself-use garbage cans for trash	Be on time for pick up and dismissal Board bus promptly using bus pass or paying fare Report any concerns to an adult Stay in your seat	Be on time Participate in instruction Attend required Class Connects or Zoom sessions Be prepared Complete daily to do list and or daily assignments and required hours
Resilient	Set good examples Do your best Ask for help or retakes & attend extra help, Class Connects, or Zoom Sessions Show acceptance of others	Report any problems, concerns, or unsafe situations to an adult Be aware of others & your surroundings Have patience when transitioning	Use non-violent problem- solving strategies Wait quietly in line	Be patient when waiting to use a pass	Show acceptance of others Use non-violent problem-solving Be patient	Ask for help or retakes & attend extra help, Class Connects, or Zoom Sessions Request lab hours



Learning Coach Success Contract

My responsibilities as a Learning Coach include:

	logging on to K-12 Stride every scheduled school day (see EPS school calendar).
	making sure that my child completes their daily plan, including all subject areas (ELA, math, science, and history).
	making sure my student attends all daily Class Connect sessions if their grades start to drop or if they need help.
	making sure my student watches recorded lessons if they are struggling with an assignment.
	bringing my student to Emerson-Gridley for in-person lab sessions if they need help or are failing two or more subjects.
	communicating regularly with my student's teacher via email or district phone number.
	monitoring my student's grades, attendance, and progress in the cyber program daily through my Learning Coach login.
	submitting an absence excuse within 3 days of my student's absence.
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