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the 21st century”

## 2021-22 Panther Virtual Academy

Pike-Delta-York Schools

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While students may choose to be fully distant learners, several options are available to students who are currently home schooled or enrolled in an on-line curriculum.

### **Option 1: Blended**

- Enroll in PVA classes and work from home and in our Panther Virtual Academy (PVA) lab.
- Enroll in a combination of classroom work, the PVA lab, and working on-line at home.
- Ohio graduation requirements apply.
- A minimum of 5% completed in each class per week for attendance.
- **This would result in a PDY diploma.**

### **Option 2: Full Distance Learning at home**

- Flexible schedule allowing students to work on courses on their schedule.
- Mastery skills must be demonstrated in our PVA.
- A minimum of 5 credit hours attempted per year.
- Attendance is based on the requirement of completing 5% per class per week.
- Ohio graduation requirements apply.
- A minimum 2.75 GPA is required to participate in this option.
- **This would result in a PDY diploma.**

### **Option 3: Home School Hybrid**

- Continue home school curriculum, but take advantage of desired courses from PVA at home.
  - *This would NOT result in a PDY diploma.*
- Attendance will be reviewed weekly with log-in reports. A minimum of 5% completed in each class per week for attendance.

### **The following are policies for all options:**

- The rules of school attendance as dictated by the State Department of Education still apply.
- Attendance will be reviewed weekly with log-in and completion reports generated by the PLP website.
- All suspension/expulsion rules in student handbook apply.
- A score of 70% on all assignments, quizzes and tests is strongly recommended to move on.
- Students are required to take ALL tests and may be required to take quizzes in the PVA lab at Delta High School.
- Students enrolled in these options are eligible for extra-curricular activity at the Middle School or High School.
- For high school transcript purposes, classes taken through the PVA will be listed under "PVA Personalized Learning Platform". For middle school and elementary grade cards, classes taken through the PVA will be listed under "PVA Personalized Learning Platform."
- These courses guide students through all elements of the lesson using best practices in teaching and require students to master content before moving on. This is referred to as "sequential courses." These courses are ideal for first time instruction, when time in course is important to meet NCAA rules and regulations. **However, classes MAY NOT be NCAA approved.**
- ***Administration has to right to deny students' participation in the PVA based on grades, attendance and code of conduct.***

# CREDIT RECOVERY

One of the uses of the Panther Virtual Academy (PVA) will be for students who need to recover credit from classes previously failed. Students will be placed in the PVA lab during the day to work towards completion of the coursework. Students will be expected to work only on credit recovery during their credit recovery period unless they have been given permission to work on another class. If they so choose, they also have the option of working at home, however, all pre- and post-tests must be taken in the PVA lab. When the student is caught up with all their credits, he/she will be placed in study hall. If he/she wants to stay in the PVA lab and has not been a distraction to others, he/she may be allowed to stay for the rest of the semester/year.

Credit would be given for courses completed and would affect the student's cumulative GPA but not the quarter GPA. For transcript purposes, credit recovered through the PVA, will be listed under "PVA Credit Recovery."

***\*For athletic eligibility purposes, students must complete at least 40% of each course for each period they are in the credit recovery lab to be factored towards their eligibility for the next grading period. Their percentage of completion is based on the number of gradable activities they have passed. If students are concerned about athletic eligibility, they should meet with the PVA director for an eligibility plan.***

## 5th Year Seniors

The PVA will also be used for any students who did not meet the graduation requirements by the end of their senior year. Those students will be referred to as 5th year seniors. Any 5th year senior who wishes to meet the graduation requirements online will be required to report to the PVA lab during regular school hours until those requirements are met.

Per the PDY student handbook, students are allowed 5 absences free of any explanation. After that, every absence will need a doctor's note or a death in the family. If you don't show proof, the absence is unexcused. After 10 unexcused absences, 5th year seniors will be removed from the PVA program and will have to find an alternative route toward diploma.

## PANTHER VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Through the PVA, students have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of elective classes. Students can work at their pace, however, classes are to be completed by the end of each semester and for athletic eligibility purposes, 40% of the class and a passing grade are required to be counted towards a student's eligibility. All tests and some quizzes must be completed in the PVA under teacher or teacher's aide supervision.

## Success Plan for Students in Credit Recovery

\*Students will *not* be given unlimited time to finish their courses. In most cases, work for credit recovery must be done before the end of the school year. Students may elect to use the summer school period to finish classes not completed by the last day of school. Cost for summer school is \$75 for an unlimited number of credits. In most cases, if a student does not finish their credit recovery course by the end of the year, they will be able to pick up at the beginning of the next school year where they left off.

\*A report of your activity will be run periodically to monitor your progress. Your percentage of completion is based on the number of gradable activities you have passed. If students are not making adequate progress, contact will be made with your parents/guardians, you may be paired with a teacher of that subject area for tutoring and one-on-one help and disciplinary action may be taken ranging from a warning to detention to time spent in DISS. If you continue to show that you are not making progress and/or you are being disruptive, you may be dropped from the PLP credit recovery program. You will then need to find another way to recover your deficient credit such as returning to the classroom, alternative course of study programs, or summer school at your expense. Please remember that you cannot graduate if you are lacking the required number of credits.

\*Unless prior permission has been granted, students will work ONLY on PLP coursework during the class period. Failure to do so will be viewed as insubordination and any disciplinary action will be taken ranging from detention to time spent in DISS depending on the frequency and severity of the insubordination. Remember that PLP is your actual class for that period. This is not a study hall and this is not free time.

\*Students are allowed to listen to music from their school-issued laptop while they work unless it distracts them or others around them from working. If work is not being done, the privilege of listening to music will be taken away. No cellphones will be allowed in the PVA. If they are seen or heard, they will be confiscated and a Friday School will be issued for the first offense.

\*Bring a notebook designated for PLP with you each day. Take comprehensive notes as note taking will be key to your success. All of the PLP tests are open note assessments. No quizzes or tests will be reset unless students have notes written out on paper.

\*Please see the PVA director if you are having trouble completing your coursework. If you show a desire to be successful, a solution can often be negotiated.

\*Students who are taking credit recovery courses will be required to take all of their tests in the PVA lab to promote a strong working relationship between the school and the student as well as to protect the integrity of the work being done.

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## General Guidelines

- These courses are all standards-aligned and meet the requirements of Pike Delta York Schools.
- PLP courses are designed to be completed by the semester.
- In order to promote a positive working relationship between the school and the student and to promote academic integrity, students working from home will be required to come into school to take *every* test in the PVA lab. Students may attempt a test multiple times, however, their score will be the average of all their attempts.
- Under Ohio law, children between the ages of 6 and 18 are of compulsory school age. Every person of compulsory school age must attend a school, which conforms to the minimum standards prescribed by the State Board of Education until one of the following occurs:
  - The person receives a diploma granted by the board or other governing authority, successfully completes the curriculum of any high school or successfully completes the IEP developed for the student by any high school.
  - The person is excused from school under standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Ohio law.
  - The parent(s) of any person who is of compulsory age must send such person to school unless he/she is exempt as listed above.
- Due to the above requirements of the state of Ohio, if you have not logged into and/or completed an appropriate amount of coursework for 1 week, students will be marked absent based on the amount of work completed and contact will be made with students and their parents or guardians to request that attention be paid to the coursework.
- If, after 2 weeks, adequate progress is not attained, and the student has not attempted the coursework on a regular basis, in order to maintain their standing in PVA, ***students may be required to do coursework in the PVA lab.*** The student will be required to attend PVA lab hours until they have reached the proper percentage of completed coursework, failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence unless a doctor's note is provided.
- If, after working in the PVA lab, adequate completion of coursework still does not take place, ***the student can be removed*** from the virtual academy and be ***required to attend school in the traditional setting.***
- Local truancy officials may be contacted if students refuse to attend the PVA lab for their coursework and adequate progress is not made.
- Students will be required to ***have and maintain a 2.75 GPA*** for the privilege of taking PVA courses from home.
- Full time students will be required to take state achievement tests at the school. Dates and times of each exam will be communicated well in advance of the test.
- Courses for the PVA will use the PDY Board approved grading scale.
- Grades will only be issued at the end of the semester. No grade will be given at the end of the 1st or 3rd quarters.
- **For athletic eligibility purposes, students need to have a passing grade and complete at least 40% of their course(s) to be factored towards your eligibility for the next grading period.**

# PANTHER VIRTUAL ACADEMY

## Student Success Plan

- \* The ultimate responsibility for completing the course falls on the student and parents or guardians. The student will NOT be given unlimited time to finish their course(s).
- \* Students are expected to complete their coursework in the order of the assignments given. Jumping ahead before completing the previous unit will be frowned upon.
- \* Successful students view online learning as an alternative path in education, not an easier one.
- \* Students are expected to make reasonable progress each week.
  - For example, you should complete approximately **5%** of your coursework per week OR approximately **25%** by 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mid-term, **50%** by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> quarter or **75%** by 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarter mid-term. Students working from home will be counted absent if they do not meet their assigned completion percentage (5%/class) each week. Absences will be based on the amount of work completed.
  - Your percentage of completion is based on the number of assignments completed.
    - All incomplete assignments will be counted against student's final grade percentage.
    - Viewing grades on PowerSchool **may not** be an accurate assessment of a student's current grade. To guarantee an accurate view of your students grade, check their progress and grade on the student's PLP page.
    - For athletic eligibility purposes, students need to have a passing grade and complete at least 40% of their course(s) by the end of the grading period to be factored towards your eligibility for the next grading period.
- \* Students may work faster and complete the class early if they so choose. Students will have the opportunity to take a 2<sup>nd</sup> class in the same semester; however, the number of courses a student takes per semester (in traditional and PVA classes combined) cannot exceed the number of periods in a day.
- \* Students are allowed to listen to music on their school-issued laptop while they work unless it distracts them or others around them from working. If work is not being done, the privilege of listening to music will be taken away. No cellphones will be allowed in the PVA. If they are seen or heard, they will be confiscated and a Saturday School will be issued for the first offense.
- \* The student transcript will be updated at the end of the semester.
- \* In order to succeed in an online learning environment, you must possess the following characteristics:
  - \* Be able to motivate yourself and be organized.
  - \* Be willing to ask questions and communicate with your teachers if issues or problems arise.
  - \* Possess the skills and abilities to complete your coursework online.
  - \* An identified purpose for seeking an online education.
- \* Students failing to complete courses may not be permitted to take future classes in the PVA.
- \* Students and parents should feel free to contact the PVA director.

# Enrollment

The enrollment process into the Panther Virtual Academy will begin similarly to the enrollment process in the traditional school setting. Contact the PVA staff at 419-822-8247, extension 3402 to initiate the process. We will first discuss the necessary documentation needed to enroll. The documentation needed to enroll in Pike-Delta-York Schools include the following:

- Proof of Delta Residency
- Custody Papers (if applicable)
- Birth Certificate
- Most recent transcript and grade card
- Immunization Records
- IEP (if applicable)

Once the district enrollment process is completed, a PVA staff member will meet with the school guidance counselor(s), administrator(s) and the parent/guardian to determine course placement based on the student's most recent transcript and grade card. Once it is determined which courses the student will take, the course requests will be made and the student will be on their way to continuing their education with the Panther Virtual Academy.

Contact Mr. Ryan Ripke, PVA Director, with questions.

[ripke@pdys.org](mailto:ripke@pdys.org)

(419) 822-8247, ext. 3305

# Credit Recovery Course Completion Contract

I/We have read the Credit Recovery guidelines and success plan and I/we agree to abide by those guidelines.

I/We also agree that:

- Should the student not complete the required coursework by the end of the school year, it is understood that the student MAY lose all progress completed in that class and have to start over at the beginning of the next school year or be placed back into the traditional classroom. If a student takes summer school, the work they have completed will NOT be reset.
- Students' progress will be monitored periodically with reports generated by the website and disciplinary action may be taken ranging from a warning to time spent in DISS depending on the frequency and severity of the insubordination if work is not being done.
- If a student is caught using any outside source other than the PLP website on an assessment, the consequences can range from detention, DISS, taking a 0% on the assessment to complete removal from the credit recovery program which will require the student to go back into the classroom to recover the credit.
- The student will take *every* test in the PVA lab at Delta High School. Any other arrangement will be made with an agreement by the building principal and the PVA director.
- Students are expected to work only on their PLP coursework during their time in the PVA lab. Exceptions may be made but permission must be granted to work on another course.
- Students are expected to bring their laptop every day. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action ranging from a warning to time spent in DISS.
- No cell phones will be allowed in the PVA. Students caught with cell phones will be given a Friday School.
- For athletic eligibility purposes, students need to complete at least 40% of each course(s) for each period they are in the credit recovery lab to be factored towards your eligibility for the next grading period. Your percentage of completion is based on the number of post-tests you have passed.

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Signature

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## Elective Course Completion Contract

I/We have read the Panther Virtual Academy guidelines and success plan and I/we agree to abide by those guidelines.

I/We also agree that:

- The student has until the end of the day on \_\_\_\_\_ to drop the course from his/her schedule.
- Should the student not complete the required coursework by the end of the semester, I/we understand that any work not completed will be counted as zeros. As a result, I/we understand that the final grade will be adversely affected.
- The first time a student is caught using any unauthorized source other than the PLP website for an assessment, they will be given a zero for the assignment. The second time, the student will fail the class and will not be allowed to take another class in the PVA.
- Viewing grades on PowerSchool *may not* be an accurate assessment of my student's current grade. To guarantee an accurate view of my students grade, I/we will need to check their progress and grade on my student's PLP page.
- Students are expected to complete the assignments in the order in which they are given. Jumping ahead before completing the previous unit will be frowned upon.
- Students' progress will be monitored periodically with reports generated by the website. Students are required to complete 5% of coursework per week per class. Once the class is completed, log-in requirements have been met and reports will no longer be run.
- No cell phones will be allowed in the PVA. Students caught with cell phones will be given a Friday School.
- The student will take every test in the PVA lab at Delta High School. Any other arrangement will be made with an agreement by the building principal and the PVA director.
- Students may attempt a test multiple times, however, their score will be the average of all their attempts.
- For athletic eligibility purposes, students need to have a passing grade and complete at least 40% of their course(s) to be factored towards your eligibility for the next grading period.

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Student's Signature

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## Home School Completion Contract

I/We have read the Panther Virtual Academy guidelines and success plan and I/we agree to abide by those guidelines.

I/We also agree that:

- For the privilege of working strictly from home, students must have and maintain a **2.75** GPA.
- The student has 3 days from their first day on PLP to drop any courses from his/her schedule.
- Should the student not complete the required coursework by the end of the semester, I/we understand that any work not completed will be counted as zeros. As a result, I/we understand that the final grade will be adversely affected.
- The first time a student is caught using any unauthorized source other than the PLP website for an assessment, they will be given a zero for the assignment. The second time, the student will fail the class and will not be allowed to take another class in the PVA.
- Viewing grades on PowerSchool **may not** be an accurate assessment of my student's current grade. To guarantee an accurate view of my students grade, I/we will need to check their progress and grade on my student's PLP page.
- Students are expected to complete the assignments in the order in which they are given. Jumping ahead before completing the previous unit will be frowned upon.
- Students' progress will be monitored periodically with reports generated by the website. Students are required to complete 5% of coursework per week per class. Once the class is completed, log-in requirements have been met and reports will no longer be run.
- The student will take every test in the PVA lab at Delta High School. Any other arrangement will be made with an agreement by the building principal and the PVA director.
- For athletic eligibility purposes, students need to have a passing grade and complete at least 40% of their course(s) to be factored towards your eligibility for the next grading period.
- If adequate progress is not being attained, online students will be required to make appointments to work from the PVA lab provided at Delta High School. Until students are caught up with semester progress, students will be issued absences for any absence from the lab on regular school days. Absences will be unexcused unless an appropriate doctor's note is provided. Transportation is the responsibility of the student or their family.
- If the assigned completion percentage (5%/class/week) is not achieved, students will be marked absent. The number of days marked absent will correspond with the amount of work completed.

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Signature

# Summer School Completion Contract

*Please initial each bullet point.*

I/We agree that:

- \_\_\_\_\_ • Payment for summer school is \$50 per semester credit with a maximum cost of \$100. That payment is due by June 1. Failure to pay may result in my student not being allowed to recover his/her credit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ • Student's progress will be monitored by Mr. Ripke and/or Mr. Ford. The responsibility to make progress and therefore recover credits in the amount of time given, is the responsibility of the students and his/her guardians.
- \_\_\_\_\_ • Should the student not complete the required coursework by July 1, it is understood that the student MAY lose all progress completed in that class and have to start over at the beginning of the next school year or be placed back into the traditional classroom. Carry over of unfinished coursework to next school year will be determined on the amount of work completed in the course and weekly attendance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ • The student will take *every* test in the PVA lab at Delta High School. Any other arrangement will be made with an agreement by the building principal and the PVA director.
- \_\_\_\_\_ • The PVA will be open from 8 - 11 a.m. on Monday through Thursday from June 1 - July 1. Students are expected to be in attendance while the PVA is open each week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ • Classes will be closed at 11:59 p.m. on July 1. Students will not be able to make any progress after that.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email address \_\_\_\_\_