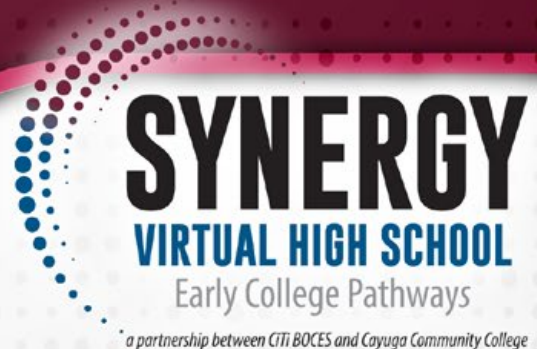


SYNERGY VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Early College Pathways is a 100% virtual environment for students in grades 9-12. Core high school classes and college courses will be instructed virtually via interactive videoconferencing and online instruction by teachers from CiTi BOCES and professors from Cayuga Community College. Students will earn a NY State High School diploma with the potential to complete an advanced diploma as well as an associate degree from Cayuga Community College through interactive videoconferencing and online classes from home.

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SYNERGY IS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE:

- immunocompromised, struggle with anxiety, and/or have medical issues;
- seeking an alternative education pathway;
- disassociated/uncomfortable with the traditional high school experience;
- seeking advancement in an academic/interest area;
- interested in receiving a two-year college degree while still in high school;
- able to thrive in a virtual educational environment

BENEFITS OF A VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL WITH AN EARLY COLLEGE PATHWAY:

- enhanced comfort and safety for teens/families who are immunocompromised or who are struggling with anxiety;
- individualized pathways development for students in both NY State diploma and degree/non-degree college courses;
- virtual enrichment opportunities after school;
- development of 21st century skills for students;
- building familiarity with college level expectations;
- taking college courses in high school, potentially saving students/families future college costs;
- preparing students to continue taking college level courses past high school

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THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

SYNERGY provides all students with a laptop for use from home. Up to five and a half hours of instruction/academic study occur daily with additional time for small breaks and lunch. Each class meets three times per week. While the majority

of instruction is interactive videoconferencing with live teachers, there are some online courses available for more of a personalized high school experience. Students can choose from a large selection of online elective courses based upon student interest.

SYNERGY has a special education teacher and a school counselor on staff to ensure access to accommodations and counseling services. Afterschool enrichment activities are also offered depending upon interests. Teachers are available after school for additional support.

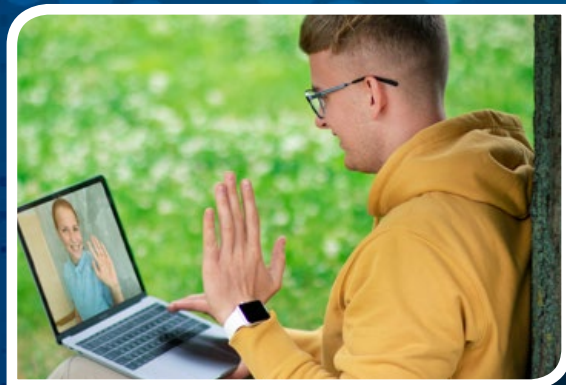
Example of a Year 1 Student in 9th grade:

Year 1A	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Lunch	Block 4	After School
Monday	ELA 1	Global 1	Math 1	Lunch	½ PE 1 ½ Study Hall / Office Hours	Support / Enrichment
Tuesday	Language 1	Study Hall / Office Hours	Science 1	Lunch	Online Elective	Support / Enrichment
Wednesday	ELA 1	Global 1	Math 1	Lunch	½ PE 1 ½ Study Hall / Office Hours	Support / Enrichment
Thursday	Language 1	Study Hall / Office Hours	Science 1	Lunch	Online Elective	Support / Enrichment
Friday	½ ELA ½ Language 1	½ Global 1 ½ S.H / O.H.	½ Math 1 ½ Science 1	Lunch	½ PE ½ Online Elective	Advisement / Mentoring

*Note: Schedules will be created based upon student need/interest. An accelerated math/science pathway will be available to 9th graders during year 1 who have already completed Algebra/Living Environment in 8th grade.

SYNERGY STAFF

In order to fully support students socially, emotionally and academically, CiTi BOCES employs a school counselor, special education teacher, teachers in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Language, PE/Health,



a part-time secretary, a part-time technology support member (LAN Tech), and a principal. College professors are from Cayuga Community College. College courses are co-taught between the college professor and the high school teacher for dual credit. All staff are located at the Fulton Campus at Cayuga Community College.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q How does the student take the class?

A Students log into a learning management system every morning to connect with the teacher. Students click on a link to join the interactive videoconferencing class inside of the learning management system. All materials and all coursework is inside of one management system.

Q Does the student need to buy a computer?

A No. The program assigns a CiTi owned laptop to each individual student in the program.

Q Does the student need to log in at the same time as the teacher and the other students?

A Yes. SYNERGY is mainly a live/synchronous virtual high school. The majority of classes are taken with a teacher and classmates live. There are some options to take online high school electives and some online college courses.

Q Are there any after school clubs for enrichment opportunities?

A Yes. Students are surveyed on what kind of clubs students would be interested in joining.

Q What is Early College?

A Early College programs provide early access to college coursework/credits to high school students.

Q Does the student have to complete the college two-year degree to be able to graduate from the virtual high school?

A No. Each student will work closely with a school counselor and/or the college advising staff. Individualized pathways will be designed for each student based upon need and interest.

Q How long is the academic day?

A Up to five and a half hours long for courses and academic study hall time. The five and a half hours does not include small breaks between classes nor does it include lunch. Each class meets three times per week. Enrichment opportunities and extra support time will be available until 2:45 for interested students.

Q What happens if the student is having technical difficulties?

A SYNERGY will have a direct student technical support hotline for students/families to call.

Q Is the student still considered a student at their home high school and if so, can the student attend school functions and participate in extracurricular activities?

A SYNERGY is a BOCES Program. The student is still part of their home high school therefore able to participate in high school functions, extracurricular activities and their local high school graduation. Note: SYNERGY also provides students with enrichment activities afterschool in the virtual environment.

Q Does SYNERGY follow a high school schedule or college schedule?

A Both. SYNERGY follows a traditional high school calendar with year long high school courses broken down into 4 quarters of 10 weeks each. The college courses follow the college schedule but are embedded into the high school schedule. The college fall semester is the first two quarters of school and the spring semester is the last two quarters.

Q What is the cost of SYNERGY?

A Enrollment in SYNERGY is purchased via a tuition payment by the student's home district and has no direct cost to the student.

Q Since SYNERGY includes college credits, do parents have to pay any college tuition for this program?

A No. All fees for this program come from the school district's per seat payment.

Q How does a student enroll into SYNERGY?

A School districts determine each student's academic course of study and enrollment in any BOCES programs.

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