

The Power of Choice

Advanced Placement Options>>>

Students who choose a schedule that includes a blended learning environment will be able to select from 8 Advanced Placement courses.

State-of-the-Art Facilities>>>

Students have access to 4 computer labs, a graphic arts lab, wood shop, CADD/Industrial tech lab, television studio and digital recording equipment.

Music and Drama >>>

Southmoreland students participate in a variety of music and drama programs including our award-winning Marching Band, Pep Band, and Jazz band, the Highlander Choir, Show Choir, General Choir, the school play and drama club.

Vocational Technical Programs >>>

Through a partnership with the Central Westmoreland Career and Technical Center, students have the opportunity to develop quality career skills to meet the changing needs of business and industry through 20 technology and industry-based programs.

Guidance Services>>>

Students and families will be able to take advantage of career and college planning by participating in assemblies, programs, career and scheduling fairs, onsite visits from college and university representatives and from military personnel.

Dual Enrollment>>>

In partnership with Penn State University Fayette Campus, Southmoreland School District offers students the ability to take college courses while still in high school.

Academic Support >>>

Students enrolled in online courses may also take advantage of after school tutoring, Guided Study programs as well as Saturday Sessions.

Scholarships and Awards >>>

Southmoreland graduates received 65 monetary awards in 2010 which totaled nearly \$500,000!



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Interested? Who do I contact?

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Southmoreland Online Learning Academy SOLA





SOLA Program Overview

Southmoreland School District is a high performing school system that provides a quality education to its students. In today's rapidly changing world, Southmoreland recognizes that students acquire knowledge through many means. To meet the needs of our non-traditional students, Southmoreland has developed the Southmoreland Online Learning Academy (SOLA) to afford those students the opportunity to remain connected to Southmoreland while providing an external educational program. Through the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit's eAcademy consortium, SOLA builds a blended or fully external student experience that is aligned to Southmoreland curriculum.

Why choose SOLA?

- Graduate with a Southmoreland Diploma & walk with your class
- Participate in all Southmoreland athletic activities
- Join one of our 28 student clubs & philanthropic organization
- Attend field trips
- Sing in the chorus
- Play in the band
- Attend pep-rallies, prom, and other school events
- Utilize support services for special education, gifted education, and tutoring



Flexibility & Student-Centered Choices

Choice and flexibility allow students to participate in the curriculum by building individual schedules based upon student need. SOLA is Southmoreland's online schooling system—a new way to reach all of our learners by delivering the highest levels of student learning through technology and by developing scheduling that can match student participation levels. SOLA is a new way to look at the way that our students learn, and a positive approach to connecting students with their school and their community.



A Quality Online Education Begins Here

All courses offered through the Southmoreland Online Learning Academy are taught by highly-qualified, Pennsylvania-certified teachers from Southmoreland and surrounding school districts in Westmoreland County. All teachers have received comprehensive training in best practices and pedagogy for online teaching and learning.

Engaging students >>>

Courses are offered through an online environment using both synchronous and asynchronous instruction. The online courses from Southmoreland are robust and interactive. Content is presented in a variety of engaging ways; using multimedia and collaborative tools. Teachers utilize the latest tools and emerging technologies to bring course content to life. This results in lessons that intrinsically motivate students to learn and appeal to the preferences of today's digital learner.

Course Rigor >>>

Each course is designed with all of the rigor and quality instruction of a traditional classroom. Lessons and assessments are designed to challenge students and encourage inquiry, while fostering their individual needs and learning styles. Because students have more flexibility in an online course, they can move through the material at a more customized pace.



Socialization >>>

The Southmoreland School District believes in the importance of developing a sense of community and socialization within learning experiences. Each course integrates the use of several multimedia tools designed to engage students in the course content, as well as with their peers. This provides students with the ability to discover and share with their online classmates, while building critical skills for interacting and collaborating online.

Technology Tools for Success>>>

Imagine a school day where students aren't directed by buses and bell schedules. The Southmoreland Online Learning Academy allows students to choose a schedule and courses that suit them. Because our district is part of a consortium, students have the option to take a wide range of online courses in all areas of the curriculum. Students taking four or more courses will receive a laptop and wireless Internet access for use with their online courses. When students are working from home, they will have access to teachers and technical support both online and over the phone. Whatever path your child takes, you can be assured that his or her education will be well supported.



Check Out The Educational Opportunities Southmoreland has to Offer!

- **Ranked 4th most "Overachieving" district by Pittsburgh Business Times**
- **Dual Enrollment Options**
Dual enrollment is a locally-administered program that allows students to concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses and receive both high school and college or university credit for the coursework.
- **Career & Vocational Technical Opportunities**
Enroll in the half-day career & vocational technical program & choose from 20 programs
- **Advanced Placement Options**
Choose from any of Southmoreland's accredited AP courses