

# SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Subject:** Financial incentive offer for cyber charter school students to enroll in Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program

To the Parent/Guardian of:

The Shamokin Area School Board has approved a new program that features an educational enhancement program for cyber charter school students to enroll in the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program while also providing significant savings for Shamokin Area School District taxpayers.

This one-time offer to enroll in the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program (for not less than one full academic year) is in the form of a \$500 educational incentive. This program is being offered only for the 2020-2021 school year to students who reside in the Shamokin Area School District and are currently enrolled in a cyber charter school. Also, if you refer a student who resides in the Shamokin Area School District (and currently enrolled in a cyber charter school) and who does enroll in our Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program, you will receive an additional \$100 educational incentive.

The educational incentive's purpose is to encourage cyber charter school students to enroll in the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program. This is designed to provide important savings for Shamokin Area School District taxpayers during these difficult economic times.

Our District currently spends approximately two-million dollars (YES \$2,000,000) of taxpayer monies per year for cyber charter school tuitions in our budget. Over the past ten years, the District has spent nearly twelve-million dollars (YES \$12,000,000) in cyber charter tuitions.

Students can use the \$500 incentive for a personal computer for Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program work, internet costs, specific computer educational software, educational supplies related to course work, and educational trips related to courses of study (as approved by the teacher or principal).

**Important information about the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program:**

- Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program utilizes the same curriculum as that being used in Shamokin Area traditional classrooms. This curriculum is based on state academic standards and provides for a seamless transition back to the traditional classroom.
- Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program provides students in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade with unique learning advantages. Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program provides individualized teacher support for students and provides the opportunity to participate in school activities.
- Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program is available at no charge to resident parents and students.
- Students who live in Shamokin Area School District and are enrolled in the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program can participate in Shamokin Area School District athletics and activities.
- Students who live in Shamokin Area School District and complete the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program receive a Shamokin Area School District diploma and can participate in graduation ceremonies.
- For more information about the Shamokin Area Online Cyber Program, call the Shamokin Area High School Guidance Office at (570) 648-5731, extension 3509.

Sincerely,



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