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Hillsboro Online Academy Expands Services to Students and Families

On-site PE and a Homeschool Consultant are among the new offerings this fall

October 9, 2015, Hillsboro, OR – Now in its fourth year of operation, Hillsboro Online Academy (HOA) has expanded its service model to include on-site Physical Education and homeschool consultation, making it an excellent option for many students in Hillsboro School District.

HOA is not a charter school. In fact, it is still Oregon's only public non-charter online school. HOA is an accredited institution, which employs local, licensed teachers and classified staff members who are available to work with students individually or in groups on a weekly basis. All tax dollars received by HOA remain in the greater Hillsboro community.

The school currently serves nearly 200 full-time students in grades 3-12. They also provide individual classes to students who are enrolled at our comprehensive schools. Students' reasons for taking individual classes through HOA include acceleration, credit recovery, or simply scheduling—if taking the class at their home high school cannot be accommodated due to conflicts with other activities.

HOA was pleased to be awarded a PEEK-8 (Physical Education Expansion K-8) grant through the Oregon Department of Education for 2015-16, which has allowed them to hire a full-time PE teacher for students in grades K-8. Elementary students can now access music, art, drama, and PE within the context of their otherwise online learning experience. Students can also participate in field trips and group projects to round out socialization opportunities. In addition, each student in grades 3-8 enrolled in HOA receives a \$100 stipend toward a class offered by Hillsboro Parks and Recreation.

This is a great hybrid model for some families who otherwise might consider homeschooling their children.

Because of this, and to provide a bridge between the homeschool community and public schools, HOA has hired a homeschool consultant this year as well. The consultant will be reaching out to families to determine what needs, concerns and suggestions they have, and working to provide them with access to the curriculum and supports they need to help their child have a successful educational experience.

Students must live in the Hillsboro School District attendance area to enroll at Hillsboro Online Academy, or be granted an inter-district transfer from their district of residence. If you are interested in learning more about HOA or would like to meet with Principal Linda Harrington, please visit their [website](#) or call 503-844-1050.

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