

Link2Learn

Virtual Charter School

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District



Parent/Student Handbook All Grades



Dear Link2Learn Families,

My name is Gesa Tschumperlin and this will be my 5th year as Program Director at Link2Learn Virtual Charter School. It has been such a pleasure to get to know students and families, building relationships to be able to work together as a team. Every year, there are new opportunities for courses, programs, providers, methods, approaches and philosophies to meet students' needs along their learning journey. Changes are a big part of the excitement of being a teacher and administrator. There is always a better way to help students learn! I am looking forward to continuing to work on increasing opportunities for students to explore their passions while pursuing a high quality education.

For those of you who don't know me yet: I was born and raised in Germany by parents who were passionate teachers and therefore role models for my professional career and so much more! Ever since I accepted my first teaching position as an elementary language teacher at the International School of Hamburg in Germany 28 years ago, I have lived and worked in four different countries in Europe and the Middle East. My husband - who is a true Wisconsinite - and I met in Denmark, our son was born in Hungary. Over the past 20 years we have lived in Hungary, Cyprus, Jordan and Dubai. We truly enjoyed life, work and travel in these culturally rich and diverse locations. I have been fortunate to be able to work in a variety of schools in terms of size, curriculum and teaching approaches, which has provided me with an extensive experience on how to provide students with differentiated and individualized programs.

As a family, we moved to Chetek in the summer of 2019, where we were welcomed warmly by its wonderful community. We are embracing the outdoor lifestyle in Wisconsin and have loved becoming part of the Chetek community. My husband teaches at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser MS/HS where we both coach Cross Country and Track & Field. Our son Liam will be a senior at UW Madison this fall.

"L2L is big enough to offer great opportunities and small enough to care" is a directive we take very seriously at Link2Learn. We are a small school and take pride in our efforts to build positive and encouraging relationships with all our students. As lifelong learners ourselves in a constantly changing and challenging world, we continuously emphasize the benefits of pursuing passions, acquiring skills and exploring concepts which go beyond skill sets we need on a daily basis. We will continue to work hard on providing opportunities to make learning relevant and personal for our students.

At L2L we appreciate parent/guardian and student input. Only if we work together as a team, we can support our students to help them achieve their goals. It does take a village to raise children and we want to take advantage of your knowledge to determine how your student learns best, so we can set everyone up for academic and personal success. We encourage each and every one to reach out to us at L2L whenever you have a question, a concern or a comment that helps all of us to bring out the best in your student.

I am looking forward to another year of learning and fun!

Warm regards,



Gesa Tschumperlin
Link2Learn Virtual Charter School

About Us

Link2Learn Virtual Charter School is a public school that enhances and promotes learning in an environment tailored to each student. We embrace innovative ideas, techniques, and technologies to ensure learner success in a changing world. We value lifelong learning and the world of opportunities rising from a high quality education.

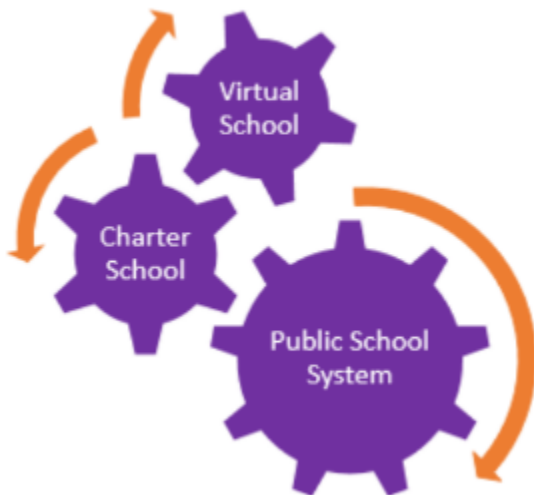
Our Vision

The vision of Link2Learn Virtual Charter School is to prepare every student for academic and personal success.

Our Mission

The mission of Link2Learn Virtual Charter School is to prepare 4K-12 students for future careers, active citizenship, and post-secondary success, using virtual platforms and individualized learning plans.

Link2Learn offers a standards-based, individualized learning plan for each student that combines student strengths and initiative with the collaborative guidance of highly qualified instructional staff and invested family members.



We are a Public School

We are funded by public state tax dollars and must comply with the Department of Public Instruction rules and regulations established in the State of Wisconsin.

We are a Charter School

Charter schools in Wisconsin have greater freedom, but higher accountability to the state. We are a charter school in the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District and approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

We are a Virtual School

Virtual schools in Wisconsin teach courses entirely or primarily through online methods, when students and teachers are geographically remote. Students and teachers communicate by email, phone, and video.

The Link2Learn Virtual Charter School's mission, policies, and structure are aligned with and support those of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District.

Our Commitment

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District Board Commitment:

To create a high-performing, student-centered school district that meets the needs of our current student population and attracts new students to our district. The CWASD School Board makes decisions that impact the schools within the school district including: the Chetek Kids Club, Roselawn Elementary School, the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Middle School, the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School, and the Link2Learn Virtual Charter School.

Link2Learn Governing Board Commitment:

To promote sustainability and stability of Link2Learn as a whole in order to provide a school which gives students a non-traditional educational option.

Link2Learn Staff Commitment:

We believe every student has the ability to achieve educational success. By focusing on the individual strengths and dreams of each student we will help create learning paths that challenge each student to reach his or her greatest potential in their 4K - 12 educational career. We will teach, assess, challenge, encourage, and provide the support needed in order to fulfill this commitment.

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https://www.cwasd.k12.wi.us/schools/virtual_school.cfm

Office Hours

The Link2Learn Virtual Charter School office is open daily, according to the 2024-2025 School Calendar, which can be found on our web page. Office hours are 8am - 3:30pm during the school year, unless otherwise communicated by Link2Learn staff.

Summer hours are ongoing but irregular. Our contact email account will be monitored for emails and phone calls on a daily basis. Emails will be answered within the required 24 hour time frame. **On Fridays, all district offices are usually closed.**

School Closing

Link2Learn office staff, and any events held on-site, will follow the direction of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District. School closings, delays, and early dismissals are listed on the CWASD website;

<https://www.cwasd.k12.wi.us/>

and can also be found on local radio and television stations.

Students taking **Course Options** courses will need to follow the direction of each educational institution you are enrolled with in regards to school closings. It is your responsibility to be informed of closings and to report the correct attendance information to Link2Learn.

Ordering Materials

Link2Learn will provide all students with all materials required for course completion based on the courses listed in the student's Individualized Learning Plan (ILP). This includes online course access and curriculum. In addition, Link2Learn will purchase supplemental materials for students that directly support the learning happening in their courses.

Ordering Supplemental Materials

A student or parent must submit a **Material Request Form** when requesting that Link2Learn purchase supplemental materials. Supplemental materials must be approved for purchase by your student's academic guide. Upon submitting your Material Request Form you will be notified if any items have not been approved for purchase. Items requested must support the coursework the student is engaged in and that must be communicated on the Material Request Form.

No Sell Provision

Link2Learn does not require families to return the majority of items purchased for student use. *There are some items that Link2Learn does require to be returned, you will be notified of those items upon request and an agreement to return will be signed.* Parents/Guardians and/or students may not sell any supplies acquired through Link2Learn for personal profit to a third party. The district will use legal means to recover the original value of materials, equipment or supplies should they be sold.

Only orders submitted using the Link2Learn Materials Request Form will be processed.

- Ordering supplies and curriculum will be conducted only by Link2Learn staff. Under NO circumstances will reimbursements be sent to parents.
- Orders will be delivered to your home address or you may pick up your materials from the Link2Learn office in Chetek, WI.
- Packing slips and invoices MUST be shared with Link2Learn staff via email, including information about missing items.
- **Parents assume all responsibility for costs associated with returning or exchanging materials.**
 - All orders must be submitted to Link2Learn by the deadline listed below for each semester.

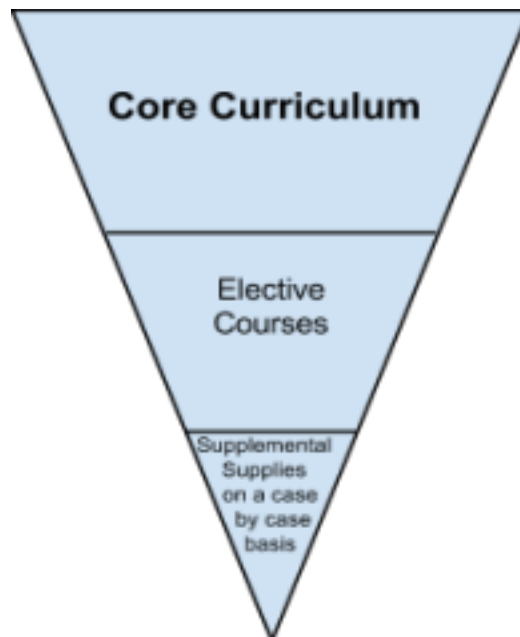
Fall Semester: December 1

Spring Semester: April 1

The following items WILL NOT be purchased by Link2Learn:

- Tutoring from outside contractors without a demonstrated need and prior approval
- Homeschooling co-op fees or expenses
- Payment for passes or memberships
- Memberships to clubs outside of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District
- Religious materials
- Toys and games
- Technology other than equipment provided through Link2Learn
- Furniture
- Musical instruments, books, and accessories
- College admissions application fees and college prep test fees including AP Exams

All of the decisions we make for students are guided by this three part diagram. Link2Learn will always choose to ensure the Core Curriculum is purchased for every student before allowing supplemental materials to be purchased.



Technology

Google Apps for Education

Link2Learn will assign each student/family their own email account through Google. Sign-in information will be sent to students/families and a brief training of how to use the various Google Apps will be provided by Link2Learn staff.

Devices

Link2Learn will provide one device for each student upon enrollment for the purpose of completing his/her coursework. **Students are required to use their L2L device for their schoolwork.** If the student leaves the program within the first school year of enrollment, the device will have to either be returned to Link2Learn at the parent/guardian's expense, or the parent/guardian can choose to pay the purchase price to Link2Learn and keep the device. After completing one full calendar year with Link2Learn the device will not need to be returned.

Link2Learn will purchase one device per student every three years, if needed.

Link2Learn will not pay for repairs or replacement of the device. The parent/guardian is responsible for arranging and funding all repairs and/or replacement of the device.

A device in need of repair is not an acceptable reason for a student to fall behind in completing his/her course work. Should a device be in need of repair, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to find another way for the student to complete his/her course work.

4K, K, ES, MS Focus Days

Bringing our Virtual Learning Community Together

Link2Learn families are part of a learning community which constitutes itself of families from all over Wisconsin. To foster a community-feel and belonging, we have created a concept for **Focus Days**. We are planning specific curriculum related celebrations and learning activities throughout the year, which help us build and develop our community while connecting virtually.

Focus Days/Learning Celebrations Such As:

Getting To Know Each Other Activities

Peace One Day

World Kindness Day

Bingo

Riddles and Jokes

Pi/e Day

April Fools

100th day

Valentine's Day

Read Across America

Earth Day

Teachers/Academic Guides create activities for all age groups to work on a specific curriculum area while incorporating innovation, creativity and cooperation with other Link2Learn students to make real world connections. Details will be sent out well in advance of each event.