

# Battle Ground Public Schools

## HOMELINK/CAM INFORMATION

### *HomeLink*

*At HomeLink, we believe that parents are their children's primary teacher.*

HomeLink programs offer both full and part time access to a variety of educational opportunities that support families who choose to create their students' learning from a home-based foundation. HomeLink partners with parents to help students acquire the academic skills and character traits essential for life-long success.

The Parent Advisory Team (PAT), the campus Site Council and staff leadership are responsible for providing the direction and staffing recommendations for HomeLink. The PAT consists of a group of experienced home schooling parents whose children are enrolled in one or more of the HomeLink programs. The Site Council is comprised of parents, staff and students from both HomeLink and CAM. We also have a very active Booster Club that supports our students and classrooms.

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*HomeLink is a tax supported public school.*

HomeLink program decisions and student expectations are based upon the following state laws, mission statements, and program core values:

***HomeLink's mission is to support families by offering educational opportunities in the areas of language arts, math, science, fine arts, social sciences, health and fitness and technology for families in a safe and welcoming environment.***

RCW 28A.150.211

The legislature recognizes that certain basic values and character traits are essential to individual liberty, fulfillment and happiness. However, these values and traits are not intended to be assessed or be standards for graduation. The legislature intends that local communities have the responsibility for determining how these values and character traits are learned as determined by consensus at the local level. These values and traits include the importance of: (1) Honesty, integrity and trust; (2) Respect for self and others; (3) Responsibility for personal actions and commitments; (4) Self-discipline and moderation; (5) Diligence and a positive work ethic; (6) Respect for law and authority; (7) Healthy and positive behavior; and (8) Family as the basis of society.

RCW 28A.405.030

It shall be the duty of all teachers to endeavor to impress on the minds of their pupils the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and patriotism; to teach them to avoid idleness, profanity and falsehood; to instruct them in the principles of free government and to train them up to the true comprehension of the rights, duty and dignity of American citizenship.

## ***HomeLink Core Values***

- HomeLink’s purpose is to add value to a family’s educational journey through a variety of partnership levels.
- HomeLink leadership will respect and nurture personal and team initiative, growth and dream building.
- HomeLink staff will approach every challenge in a manner that respects our families, our staff and the core values of our school.
- HomeLink staff will demonstrate passion, commitment, and enthusiasm for the art and science of learning and teaching as they partner with parents.
- HomeLink staff, parent and students will nurture and celebrate wholesome values (RCW Code 28A.405.030) in our HomeLink community to ensure that everyone is physically and emotionally “safe,” so we can concentrate on teaching and learning.

## ***HomeLink History***

Home schooling in Washington was made legal and officially recognized as an educational option for parents in the mid 1980s. Thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of those who were on the forefront of the home school movement, the legislature was convinced of the value of the home school option. Before the laws came into effect, people committed to home schooling quietly tucked themselves away, educating their children at home. When the *Home-based Education Law*<sup>1</sup> was passed, life began to change for Washington’s families.

<sup>1</sup>(To view the full text: RCW.28A.200 online @ [www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/ses.htm](http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/ses.htm))

HomeLink was started to provide home school families public school support for their children’s educational programs.

What began in a strip mall in Orchards in 1993 has matured into a multi-service program designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of students, from those who want the home schooling lifestyle, to those who opt for a full-time experience. HomeLink has served as a state model and continues to provide information and support to school districts seeking to begin or expand their parent-partnered programs.

HomeLink families benefit from a broad range of programs and classes that have been developed through parent, staff and district teamwork.

Parent-Partnering—*The key to success*

*No matter which HomeLink option you select for your child, you are the most important person in your child's life.*

Developing strong partnerships between school and home is vital to the educational process that takes place at HomeLink. Our programs are designed for parents who both understand this and are willing to commit to this belief. At HomeLink, we strive to help parents achieve the best, most well rounded education for their children by offering choices and support. We partner with our parents as they create their children's educational journey. The level of that partnership is determined by the parents.

Options

The following pages are devoted to brief descriptions of each of the programs offered at HomeLink and CAM. More information is available by contacting the individual programs. The Main Office staff can provide you specific information on how to register for any of our programs. Contact them at 885-6800.

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## ***Creative Classes***

The HomeLink Creative Classes Program is a wonderful choice for families as it adds a variety of classroom experiences for both full and part time HomeLink students, as well as for students attending our CAM Junior-Senior High School. This program offers a menu of classes, meeting a variety of interests and learning styles, Monday through Friday. Classes are located at both the HomeLink school site in Battle Ground, as well as at other locations in the county.

Benefits

The Creative Classes Program gives HomeLink families the opportunity to develop strong friendships and lend support to one another. Families can choose classes that enrich, support or provide the full instruction and hours for most areas of student learning.

Parent-partnering

Parent partnering in the classrooms is required at varying levels, depending on the class, age of students and individual student needs. A catalog of classes indicates the level required for each class, allowing you to select an educational program that meets your family's needs.

Family Commitments

Families who sign up for classes within this program make a commitment to full participation toward the goals and in the activities of a class. Some classes may require additional work outside the class time. Regular and punctual attendance is important for the full benefit of learning for all the students enrolled. Families need to consider the time commitment as they create their students schedule.

Off-Campus Classes

HomeLink offers classes at several off-campus sites. The availability of these classes is dependent upon affordability, continued good relations with vendors, and committed attendance and participation by enrolled students.

Please see individual class descriptions for more information.

Field Trips

Field trips are offered within specific programs in conjunction with the class content. School-wide field trips may be offered based on the interest of our families. Information about community events and activities that may be of interest to our families is posted on our Community Bulletin Board in the Family Lounge and printed in our quarterly newsletters.

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***PrimeLink***

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*Our goal is to journey with you, and to honor the home schooling process in everything we say and do.*

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Benefits

PrimeLink offers premium service by providing consistent support and encouragement to parents in areas such as curriculum, lesson planning and student assessment. Our highly trained staff, who have traveled the home school journey with their own children, create another venue for students to share their accomplishments and to share with parents a variety of instructional techniques to meet the individual learning styles of their children. Our partnering includes:

- Regularly scheduled time with a PrimeLink educational consultant.
- Parent empowerment as your children's teacher and character builder.
- Assistance in the development of your children's *Individual Educational Plans*.
- Lesson planning and record-keeping assistance.
- Regularly scheduled assessments along the way to help monitor and adjust your children's journey.
- Enrollment in classes offered in the Creative Classes Program.

Informational Meeting

HomeLink Informational Meetings are held almost every Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to provide detailed information about our programs and answer questions. You can RSVP for one of these meetings by calling Janis Thomas at 885-6806.

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## ***CoreLink***

CoreLink is designed to provide strong support to students in the areas of reading, writing and math. CoreLink enrollment is available to PrimeLink students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. Students learn in a classroom setting receiving instruction from certified teachers or highly trained and experienced paraprofessionals. Lessons are designed to support students in meeting the Washington State Standards.

Enrollment in CoreLink classes is limited to twelve, providing greater opportunity to create a community of learners, who with the teachers, develop respect and support for one another. Objectives are established to help build the teacher/student relationships and a strong social community. Critical thinking skills and organizational strategies are presented and encouraged. The small class community also allows the teachers and the student's consultant greater opportunity to partner with parents to instill a love of learning.

### Benefits

- Classes are taught by certified teachers and highly trained and experienced paraprofessionals in the subject areas.
- Students attend two half days each week with the opportunity to add offerings from our Creative Classes Program.
- Assistance in the development of your child's *Individual Educational Plan*.
- Regularly scheduled consultation sessions designed to assist in goal setting and accountability.

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## ***ClassLink***

With ClassLink, children get the best of both worlds, two days with teachers and peers in the classroom and three school days for learning at home. Quality is the goal for our teachers and parents who strive to develop community and successful students. Students receive excellent instruction in a classroom setting with their peers, while maintaining a strong tie to their families who provide the other components of the student's *Individual Learning Plan*. ClassLink teachers take on the full instruction of portions of the curriculum load and provide opportunities for students to work in teams and to be accountable to a classroom teacher.

## Benefits

- Certified teachers and highly trained and experienced paraprofessionals teach classes.
- Student attends two full days each week.
- Assistance in the development of your child's individual educational plan.
- Regular consultation with the ClassLink teacher and parent strategy sessions are designed to help keep you on track.
- Regularly scheduled assessments along the way to help monitor and adjust your child's journey
- ClassLink students may enroll in classes in the Creative Classes Program to round out their educational journey.

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## ***High School Diploma Program***

The High School Diploma Program is designed for students in grades 9-12 seeking to earn a high school diploma in a home-based setting. Before enrolling, students are assessed in reading to determine if they have the foundational skills to be successful in the program. Credit toward graduation is earned through completion of an alternative learning experience plan that details the requirements of each course of study. Students and parents consult regularly with a certified teacher who helps with the plan development and monitors curriculum and student progress toward demonstrating mastery of specific skills and knowledge for each course.

Students have access to a school counselor to help with graduation requirements, career and post high school plans including college options and financial choices.

Choices for obtaining credits through the High School Diploma Program:

- Contracted learning in a home-based setting.
- Attending High School Diploma Program core classes taught by certified staff.
- Online courses accessible by computers at home or at school.
- Attending classes offered in the Creative Classes Program as part of a learning contract.
- Combination of any or all of the above.

Informational Meeting

High School Diploma Informational Meetings are held monthly to provide detailed information about the program and answer your questions. You can RSVP for one of these meetings by calling Cheryl Spencer at 885-6803.

## *Virtual/On-line Learning*

HomeLink offers access for students K-12 to on-line learning. Whether you are interested in computer based learning or having your student's learning monitored by teachers using a variety of communication options, it is available. The Battle Ground School District is a partner member of the Columbia Virtual Academy with additional on-line options offered at HomeLink.

Getting More Information

For information on the Columbia Virtual Academy go to [www.columbiavirtualacademy.org](http://www.columbiavirtualacademy.org) or for all on-line options contact HomeLink at 885-6800.

## **CAM SCHOOLS INFORMATION**

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### ***CAM Junior- Senior High School***

**CAM's mission is to partner with parents in creating educational opportunities for students that encourage character development, academic excellence and marketplace preparation.**

CAM is a full-time parent-partnered alternative school in the Battle Ground School District functioning in accordance with the Washington Alternative Learning Experience Law. The name CAM stands for Character, Academics and Marketplace. Established in 1996, CAM has two programs, in a small school setting, serving students who are committed to achieving a solid academic foundation in preparation for post high school education and professional success.

Attendance at CAM is by choice. The school draws its enrollment from across the district and county. Parents must make transportation arrangements that assure that their children arrive and leave on time and can participate in extracurricular activities.

Both CAM Junior and Senior High Schools are based on the concept of a "4x4 curriculum." The core curriculum focus is English, history, science and mathematics. Students attend classes four days a week and use Wednesdays as "student development days," completing their Personalized Learning Contracts and enriching their educational experience. Parents play an important role in assuring the quality of the student development days.

Students may enroll in HomeLink Creative Classes on a space available basis. These classes can be used to help meet the requirements of the Personalized Learning Contracts.

### **CAM Junior High School**

The Junior High serves grades 5-8. Students take assessments in

reading, writing and math to determine if they have the foundational skills necessary to be successful in the program. Teaching teams of two teachers instruct students at fifth and sixth grades. Students in grades seven and eight will see three teachers for their content areas. To complete the student's educational experience, parents, students and the homeroom teachers develop personalized learning contracts in health and fitness and the visual and performing arts. These contracts are monitored and adjusted throughout the year. This is a very important aspect of the parent partnering and requires a strong commitment from the family.

### **CAM High School**

The High School serves grades 9-12. Many CAM Junior High students continue on to CAM High School. Students whose post high school plans or personal academic strengths would benefit from four years of math, science and history, (four years of English is a state graduation requirement) are encouraged to investigate CAM for their high school career. All students are assessed in English and math to determine if they have the foundational skills and knowledge needed to be successful in the program. Besides the four core subjects, CAM High School offers Spanish and a few electives. All other credits required for graduation are earned through personalized learning contracts. Parent partnering has to be a strong commitment from the family to meet the demands of the high school program.

CAM has a high school counselor available to help students with graduation requirements and career and post high school planning.

Further  
Information

For more information about these programs and space availability you can call: JrCAM at 885-6827 or SrCAM at 885-6825.

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[www.bgsd.k12.wa.us/OurSchools/homelinkbattleground.html](http://www.bgsd.k12.wa.us/OurSchools/homelinkbattleground.html)

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