



AKOBEN CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees meets monthly to perform the overall management decisions for the Akoben Cyber Charter School, to meet with parents, students, and staff, and to administer all required resolutions for the proper operation of the school. During these meetings, time is afforded to individual parents and members of the Parents' Advisory Council, to address and resolve issues that are raised. The Youth Advisory Council also meets at this time, and is welcomed to bring any issues of interest or concern before the Board of Trustees. And while the Board of Trustees has a physical meeting location, everyone is invited to participate through our on-line or internet-based network.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING DATES
(SATURDAYS, 10:30AM):**

YEAR 2012: A LEAP YEAR -

January 28, 2012; February 25, 2012 (Leap Year)
March 24, 2012; April 28, 2012; May 19, 2012;
June 23, 2012; July 28, 2012; August 18, 2012;
September 22, 2012; October 27, 2012;
November 17, 2012; and December 15, 2012

YEAR 2013:

January 26, 2013; February 23, 2013; March 16, 2013;
April 27, 2013; May 18, 2013; June 22, 2013;
July 27, 2013; August 24, 2013; September 28, 2013;
October 26, 2013; November 16, 2013; and
December 14, 2013

YEAR 2014:

January 25, 2014; February 22, 2014; March 22, 2014;
April 26, 2014; May 17, 2014; June 28, 2014;
July 26, 2014; August 23, 2014; September 20, 2014
October 18, 2014; November 15, 2014; and
December 13, 2014



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ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS

Technology: Each student, upon enrollment in the school, must first build their Dual Core Pentium PC (Personal Computer) from 'scratch'. This computer will remain at home for the student's usage on-line after-hours. Then, each student participates in a Rites of Passage challenge series, whereby they will have the chance to obtain a brand new 64GB Apple iPad. All iPads will have Wi-Fi and 3G/4G Internet access capabilities, and will be complete with software, Apps, camera, Defender® carrying case, wireless slate, and other accessories. Students can take classes at home, during historical museum trips, while participating in career shadowing training sites, and anywhere else in the World!!

Globe Trekkers' Academy: Students and their parents are invited to attend various Rites of Passage expeditions and standard trips throughout the year. Expeditions include trips to cities throughout the United States of America, and will also include trips to Africa, South America, Central America, Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean. Students will take classes over the Internet and through live interactive video links with their teachers while travelling in other countries!!

World Languages: Youth participants will utilize the on-line curriculum from Connections Learning® and also the Rosetta Stone® Language Software© to develop skills to speak fluent Espanol (Spanish), French, Swahili, Portuguese, German, Latin, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), etc. Conversational and written Metu Ra En Khamit (Hieroglyphics) is also taught!! Then, students shall be immersed in countries and States where they will speak the language of that region!!

Post Secondary/College and Career Preparation: Students participate in ACT/SAT/ASVAB preparation, completion of college/university/tech and trade school applications, will visit colleges and universities, and take part in math/reading/writing assessments to get their skills onto the college levels, tech/trades levels, occupational or military levels needed.

Athletics: Students will be eligible to participate in Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) and intramural athletics that include, but are not limited to, the following for young Men and young Women: Football; Basketball; Baseball; Soccer; Gymnastics; Swimming; SCUBA Diving; Skiing; Snowboarding; Snow-Tubing; Boxing; Martial Arts; Archery; Riflery; Biking; Spinning; Horseback Riding; All Terrain Vehicles (ATV); Track and Field; Rock Climbing; Rappelling; Cross Country; Wrestling; Fishing; Hiking; Wilderness Survival; Orienteering; Sailing; etc.

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AN AFRICAN HERITAGE AND DIASPORAN CENTERED CULTURAL INITIATIVE

The Akoben Cyber Charter School (ACCS) is a not-for-profit educational and charitable corporation designed to serve pupils, parents, adults, families, and communities in the State of Pennsylvania, who desire to use computer and internet technology in K-12 curricula, a progressive cyber-based education, a supportive African Heritage and a dynamic Diaspora Cultural modality for the educational models for school-aged youth. The educational and charitable services are open to each and every student regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religious backgrounds, economic status, ability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender. The school will not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities, including its admissions policies and procedures.

The Akoben Cyber Charter School (ACCS) mission is to provide basic and advanced K through 12 education and training services to interested students and parents from the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Area, and to students and parents throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The academic instruction will be accomplished through cyber education, utilizing the Internet, computer technology, and other virtual methods and electronic devices, with an ISDN (Interactive Synchronous Distance Network). The Akoben Cyber Charter School shall use an African Heritage and Diasporan Centered Culture Focus as the core socializing factor and methodology for matriculation. The Authentic Rites of Passage Systems deliver that core socializing method.

The authentic African Rites of Passage Systems are youth-to-adulthood development sequences for males and females. All are based in ancient African Centered cultural traditions and modern day African Diasporan Heritage. The scheduled academies and programs include: 1) General Principles; 2) Advanced Instruction; 3) Heritage, Culture and Arts; 4) Advanced Technologies; 5) The Globe Trekkers' Academy; and 6) The Kafo Parliament. These Authentic Rites of Passage Systems give youth the extra-added advantages needed to prepare them for advanced adulthood, overall development, and the attainment of lifetime goals. Standard activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Critical Thinking Skills Workshops
- Animal Husbandry/Empathy Skills
- Cultural Competence, Traditional Arts
- Dance, Drumming and Drama Troupes
- Engineering and Technology Projects
- Martial Arts and Self Defense Academies
- Urban and Wilderness Survival Skills
- High and Low Ropes Course Skills
- Walk-A-Bout Ceremonies
- College and University Trips and Visits
- Civilization Development Projects
- Youth Government and Leadership
- Drama and Performance Arts
- Group Resolution/Cohesion Skills
- Speech, Oration, Debate, Reasoning
- History and Cultural Workshops
- Trust and Interdependence Skills
- Individual (Solo) Resiliency Skills
- Health, Fitness, and Wellness
- Athletic Competitions
- World Languages Trainings
- Pan African Heritage and Culture

The Akoben Cyber Charter School (ACCS) will be very successful with an Internet and computer based curriculum and an African Heritage socialization system that explores the best of academics and the contributions of Africans throughout the international Diaspora. Such a curriculum will be global and reinforce a strong sense of pride and accomplishment. Such a cyber charter school will develop conscious, positively educated young people with a strong sense of moral purpose and communal responsibility.

RITEs OF PASSAGE SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The Rites of Passage Systems' professionals and para-professionals from the Akoben Cyber Charter School (ACCS) will provide the African Heritage and Diasporan Centered Cultural focus and socialization factors. This shall include specialized academies, advanced training, and socialization activities. This traditional African Heritage and educational initiative shall establish the internships, externships, apprenticeships, and career shadowing opportunities that will be offered. These socialization activities shall be held in the location of the students' residencies. And there will be opportunities for larger group activities being held in Philadelphia, PA, or at the regional Intermediate Units (IUs).

The primary academies provide advanced manhood trainings and womanhood trainings for the male and female students, respectively. Parents will be intensely involved with our Rites of Passage Specialists to design and implement these sequences. Preparation, Separation, Advanced Education, Challenges, Tasks, Transitions, and Reincorporation are core components of the training sequences that launch the students into responsible adulthood.

The final forms of socialization related to the African Heritage and Diasporan Centered Culture will be held abroad in trips, retreats, and visits to various cities, states, and countries through the Globe Trekkers' Academy. The dual nature of the education system of the Akoben Cyber Charter School (ACCS) will prepare all participating students for such activities through the aspects of history, interpersonal relationships, language mastery, cultural reinforcement, academic enrichment, and the practical application of their skills, knowledge, and talents.

The **PRIME STEP Academies** will be implemented as a core component of the socialization system and as the final advanced education and training phase for each grade of students from the rising 1st graders through the rising 12th graders. **PRIME STEP** stands for the Pennsylvania Regional Institutes for Math, Engineering, Science, Technology, Education, and Pharmacy. These academies will be host to the major end of year education and training regimen for each student. Finally, these academies serve as a core component of the Rites of Passage System that prepares age-targeted students for their roles as the new generations of adults in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the World.