



Welcome to the 2007-2008 School Year!

Dear Students,

Welcome back from the heat and fun of the summer months! I hope you all had a well deserved rest and are ready to roll into the 07/08 school year. It is hard to believe that this is Hope Online's third year in existence! This year, you are one of 3,800 educational pioneers at Hope Online. Why pioneers? Because you and your parents have chosen to take an alternative path to complete your education. You are turning to a new way of learning—online learning. You recognize that all students learn differently, and that new and innovative ways of approaching education can have positive outcomes. Hope Online's internet-based learning technology, in addition to our Teachers and Learning Center Mentors, gives students a personalized learning experience as you earn your diploma. You have the potential to achieve great things, and all of us at Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op are here to support you in your pursuit of knowledge and success. Have a great year!

-Heather O'Mara, Executive Director

Hope Online Essay Contest

Hope Online is excited to announce our new scholarship essay contest! Winners will receive a \$50.00 gift card to their choice of Barnes and Noble, Sports Authority, or Wal-Mart! This contest will occur quarterly, and all Hope Online students K-12 are eligible to participate! A winner from each of four grade level categories (K-3,4-6,7-9,10-12) will be chosen. It's easy to enter—just write an essay responding to the following question and turn it in to your Learning Center Mentor. The deadline for this quarter's admissions will be October 20, 2007. Winners will be announced in the first week of November.

Question: A new president will be elected in November 2008. If you were elected President of the United States, what would be the first issue on your agenda? In other words, what do you think is the most important issue facing our country?

Student Survey

Hope Online wants to hear from you! We created a short survey to give us some insight in to your educational background and what your expectations are of Hope Online. To participate, click on the link featured on the curriculum login page at:

www.hopeco-op.org/LoginPage.html

There are only 10 questions to answer, and it will help us learn how to help you! If you have not already, please complete the survey by September 21. If you have any questions about taking the survey, your Learning Center Mentors can help you—just ask!

back to school!

Online Learning Helpful Hints

- Be self-motivated and self-disciplined! The virtual classroom offers freedom and flexibility, but with those qualities comes more responsibility!
- Speak up if problems arise! Talk to your Teacher or Learning Center Mentors if you are feeling confused or frustrated—they are there to help!

Fun Facts

-The oldest person to graduate college was 95 years old when she received her bachelor's degree!

-The youngest person to enter medical school was only 12 years old!

These statistics just go to show—an education can lead to great accomplishments at any age!