Berrien BookShark FAQ’s

Q: Can Berrien BookShark students participate in school sports?

A: BookShark students are under the umbrella of the Virtual Academy, so like Academy students, they cannot participate in school sports.

Q: Is Berrien BookShark part of the Parent Partnership?

A: No, it is a separate program from the Partnership, but managed by the same staff and also a program under the Virtual Academy umbrella.

Q: How do we register for Berrien BookShark?

A: See the process outlined on the BookShark page of the Partnership website under Classes.

Q: Is Partnership registration separate from BookShark registration?

A: Yes. BookShark registration happens only once/year, in May, with a strict deadline, only after an interview, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Partnership (electives) registration happens online in August and December, with strict deadlines.

Q: How many Partnership classes can BookShark students take?

A: 2 per semester. Students must register during Partnership registration times and choose the Bookshark registration pathway, not Home/Private school. This is the same limit as partnership students in the Virtual Academy.

Q: Will students in grades 6-12 be able to use Berrien BookShark in the future?

A: Yes, pending a successful K-5 pilot year, we hope to expand the program the following year.

Q: Do BookShark classes require projects similar to the Partnership class project requirement?

A: No. Core classes do not require weekly questions or a project. The partnership electives do require weekly mentor questions and a project.

Q: How will a mentor teacher be assigned?

A: One of our partnership’s current certified teachers will also serve in the BookShark program. The mentor that is assigned for your BookShark program will also be the mentor for the partnership weekly contacts.