

Student/Parent FAQs:

How do I enroll in an online course/school?

If you want to be a part-time online student:

- 1) Contact your local/resident school or district to find out what is available locally, and how you enroll.
- 2) Work with a counselor, digital/online learning coordinator, or principal. They may refer you to the [Course Catalog](#). They will enroll you with an approved provider.

If you want to be a full-time online student:

- 1) Contact your local/resident school or district to find out what is available locally, and how you enroll.
- 2) If your local/resident district does not offer the type of program you are looking for, review the [list of public schools with online options](#). Contact programs directly to find out if they have availability, when the enrollment period is open, and how your student enrolls. If you find a program you like and they can enroll you, contact your local/resident district and request a Choice Transfer.

Do I pay for the course?

This depends on the type of course. Some courses that are not considered part of the public school day may not be paid by the school/district. Please verify with the school/district who will pay for the course.

- If the school/district is paying for the course, they enroll you with the online program.
- If you are paying for the course:
 - 1) Find out what the transfer policy is (what courses and credit value they will accept).
 - 2) Work with your counselor to choose your course and confirm, preferably in writing, that your school will accept the credit value when you complete the course, and the type of credit (required course or elective).
 - 3) Contact the course provider. Ask them how to enroll. Tell them you are a Washington state student (the course must meet Washington state online learning expectations).
 - 4) Follow the course provider's enrollment and attendance policies.
 - 5) Work with your local school to transfer the course and credit when the course is complete.

May I attend an online school that's not in my district?

If your local/resident district does not offer the type of program you are looking for:

- 1) Review the [list of public schools with online options](#).
- 2) Contact programs directly to find out if they have availability, when the enrollment period is, and how your student enrolls.
- 3) When you find a program you like and they have availability, contact your local/resident district and request a Choice Transfer.

Will my school/district accept private online credits?

Each district has its own policy regarding transfer credits. Please check with your local/resident district to learn about its transfer policy.

Can I take a course to 'get ahead'?

Please check with your local/resident school/district on:

- 1) Who will pay for the course.
- 2) If the transfer credits will be accepted.
- 3) How to enroll in the course.

Can I take online courses during the summer?

Please check with your local/resident school/district on:

- 1) Who will pay for the course.
- 2) If the transfer credits will be accepted.
- 3) How to enroll in the course.

Can I enroll in online schooling if I will be temporarily out of the state or out of the country?

Please check with your school/district for options on how to stay on track while you are outside of Washington state (if you plan on returning to that school district). Students cannot be claimed by Washington school districts if they are not residing ('resting their heads') in Washington.

Do I need to take state assessments if I'm an online student?

Public school students (this may include ALE and Online Learning students) are expected to participate in state assessments.

Can I get my GED online?

Please contact the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, at 360-704-4400, regarding the GED.

Can I take a course from a school not on your online provider list?

Probably not, unless the district approves the course and it meets all the following criteria:

- 1) The course is in a subject matter not offered by an approved provider.
- 2) If it is a high school course, the course meets Washington high school graduation requirements specified under WAC 180.51.
- 3) The course provider's web systems meet conformance level A of the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0.
- 4) All instruction is delivered by certified instructors placed by Highly Qualified (No Child Left Behind) requirements.
 - a. Courses must be taught by WA certified instructors.
- 5) The course provider has been accredited.
- 6) The course, as advertised, is eligible for high school credit per WAC 180.51.050.
- 7) Course content is aligned with at least 70 percent of the current applicable grade/subject area Washington state standards. For courses whose content is not included in state standards, content is aligned with at least 70 percent of nationally accepted content standards set for the relevant subjects.
- 8) Courses in the following areas meet the credit/content requirements as outlined in their respective WACs:
 - a. Washington state history and government: WAC 392.410.120
 - b. Physical education: WAC 392.410.135
 - c. Sexual health education: 392.410.140
- 9) Courses offered as Advanced Placement courses have been approved via the College Board AP Course Audit.
- 10) The course data management systems ensure all student information remains confidential, as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

It is likely that taking a course from an approved provider will be your only option.