

Online Learning Advisory Committee

October 29, 2009

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Federal Way Internet Academy/EX3



Who Gets Reviewed?

- Online Course Provider
- Online School Program
- Online School Program Provider
- And what is approved when reviewed?



Information Required from Approved Providers

- Program/provider's overall instructional program
- Content of individual online courses and/or online school programs (i.e., course descriptions)
- Direct link to the provider/program website
- How To Register information for online learning programs and courses
- Teacher qualifications
- Student-to-teacher ratios as defined by SPI
- Course completion rates as defined by SPI
- Alignment to WA State standards, when applicable
- Other evaluative and comparative information requested by SPI



Approval Review Committee

- Committee members will be trained via an online interactive format and a face-to-face practice session, covering the approval process, the criteria and the scoring protocols.
- Five committee members review each provider.
- During the review period, providers will not be able to amend their applications.
- Committee members can seek assistance from the DLD staff during their reviews if needed.

Approval Review Scoring

- Provider review scores will be a total of the points each criteria item is awarded per the following scale:
 - 0 points: Not Evident
 - .5 point: Partially Evident
 - 1 point: Fully Evident
- High and low scores to be discarded to improve inter-rater reliability.
- Average of remaining scores = applicant's final score.
- Applicants must earn a score of at least 85% (46/54) to be recommended for approval.
- DLD staff submit scores and recommendations to SPI for final approval.