

Online Learning Advisory Committee

May 24, 2011

**WELCOME &
REVIEW OF AGENDA**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ALE RULES UPDATE

SPRING 2011 REVIEWS

Spring 2011

- Criteria changes (from Oct 22 OLAC meeting)
- DLD technical assistance

Results

- 12 applicants
 - 11 reviews
 - 1 affiliate provider
- 9 approved providers

Approved Providers (Spring 2011)

- Aventa Learning
- Florida Virtual School
- Insight School of Washington
- K12, Inc.
- Northwest AllPrep
- Red Comet
- WAVA (Steilacoom)
- Vancouver Virtual Learning Academy (affiliate)
- Virtual High School

Providers approved per round

- Spring 2010: 60% (3 approved of 5 reviewed)
- Fall 2010: 63% (10 of 16)
- Spring 2011: 73% (8 of 11)

Totals (for 3 rounds)

- Providers reviewed: 30
- Reviewed and approved: 22 (73%)
- Affiliates approved: 4 (13%)
- Not approved: 4 (13%)

FALL 2011 REVIEWS

Fall 2011 Timeline

- April 1 – Criteria and forms posted on site
- Sept 1 – Applications due
- Nov 1 – Initial decisions sent to applicants
- Nov/Dec – Appeals

Approval Reviewers

- Sticking with volunteers
 - Thanks to OLAC for helping with recruitment!
- 17 applicants (+ existing reviewers)
- Selection is underway
- Training in Aug/Sept

Criteria Changes

- Minor clarifications
 - A7
 - A8
 - A14
 - B5
- Re-numbering
 - H2 -> A16
 - H3+

Other changes

- New provider information session format
 - Session 1: Process Overview
 - Session 2: Approval Criteria
- More clarity on scoring
 - Scoring info on website
 - Scores included in feedback documentation
 - Reviewer training materials posted
 - Guidance to reviewers regarding evidence

APPROVAL PROCESS REFLECTION

Current Process: Strengths

- Criteria
- Evidence-based (not narrative-based)
- Iterative improvement
- Scoring protocols
- Transparency
- Providers making modifications from feedback
- Appeals process gives providers 2nd chance
- Outside reviewers (not OSPI staff)

Current Process: Limitations

- *Provider* approval, not a *course* approval
- Reviewer availability and fatigue
- Human process (scoring variability)
- Doesn't uncover provider operational issues
- Provider outcome data not in approval criteria
- Bad application or bad provider?

State Approaches

(Based on *Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning*, kpk12.com)

- Models
 - Single statewide online school/program
 - Multiple online schools/programs
 - Both
- Enrollment
 - Single district
 - Regional or Statewide

States

AL AK AZ AR CA CO CT DE FL
GA HI ID IL IN IA KS KY LA ME
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OH OK OR PA RI SC SD TN TX
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States with a State Online School

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State Approval Process

- Provider approvals
 - Charter authorization
- Course approvals
- No approvals

States with an Approval Process

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Course Approval Process

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Provider/Program Approval Process

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Peer states comparison

State	Scope	Focus	Technology
Colorado	Multidistrict programs	Narrative	Word
Florida	Companies and programs(?)	Documentation	Online
Kansas	Programs	Narrative	Word
Maine	Companies	Narrative	Online
Minnesota	Multidistrict programs	Narrative	Word
Nevada	Program and Courses	Narrative	Paper
Virginia	Multidistrict programs	Narrative	Word
Washington	Multidistrict programs and companies	Documentation	Online
Wyoming	Programs and colleges	Narrative	n/a

Suggestions and Ideas from OLAC

STUDENT SUPPORT WORKGROUP

WEBSITE UPDATE



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INITIAL REVIEW PROCESS AND SCORING

- Each application is assigned to a team of three or more reviewers who score evidence supplied in support of each of the 54 approval criteria.
- Each criterion is worth one point; reviewers may award scores of 1, .5 or 0.
- Once score sheets and feedback have been submitted, the team of three reviewers is convened for a discussion facilitated by OSPI staff. The facilitator uses a discussion protocol which requires each reviewer to report their scoring and feedback for each criterion so that the three reviewers gain a shared understanding of the evidence as supplied in support of the criteria.
- Reviewer score sheets are open during the discussions, allowing each reviewer the ability to revise or adjust their scores based on other reviewers' findings. Reviewers are also allowed to independently revisit the evidence and submit revised score sheets.
- The final, total score awarded by each reviewer for all 54 criteria is tallied; the three total review scores are averaged and, if necessary, rounded to the nearest whole number. The average total score is compared to the cut score (46 pts) to determine approval status.
- Providers not meeting the cut score are eligible for appeals. The appeals scoring process is described [here](#).

EXAMPLE:

Section	Reviewer A	Reviewer B	Reviewer C
A1	1	1	1
A2	1	.5	1
A3	0	.5	0
...
I5	1	.5	.5
Total	47	46	48

The average total score across the three reviewers is 47, a passing score. Applicant approved.



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As the parent or guardian of a Washington state student who is now, or, is hoping to become enrolled in an online course or program, you probably have a lot of questions. Find help by clicking any of the topics below.

- My child [wants to take](#) a DLD online course.
- My child is [already enrolled](#) in a DLD online course.
- My child is [considering enrolling](#) in an online school program.
- My child is [already enrolled](#) in an online school program.

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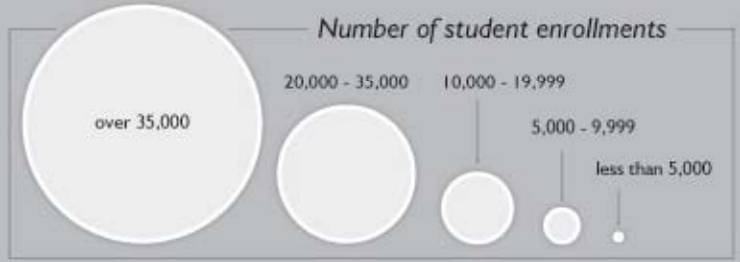
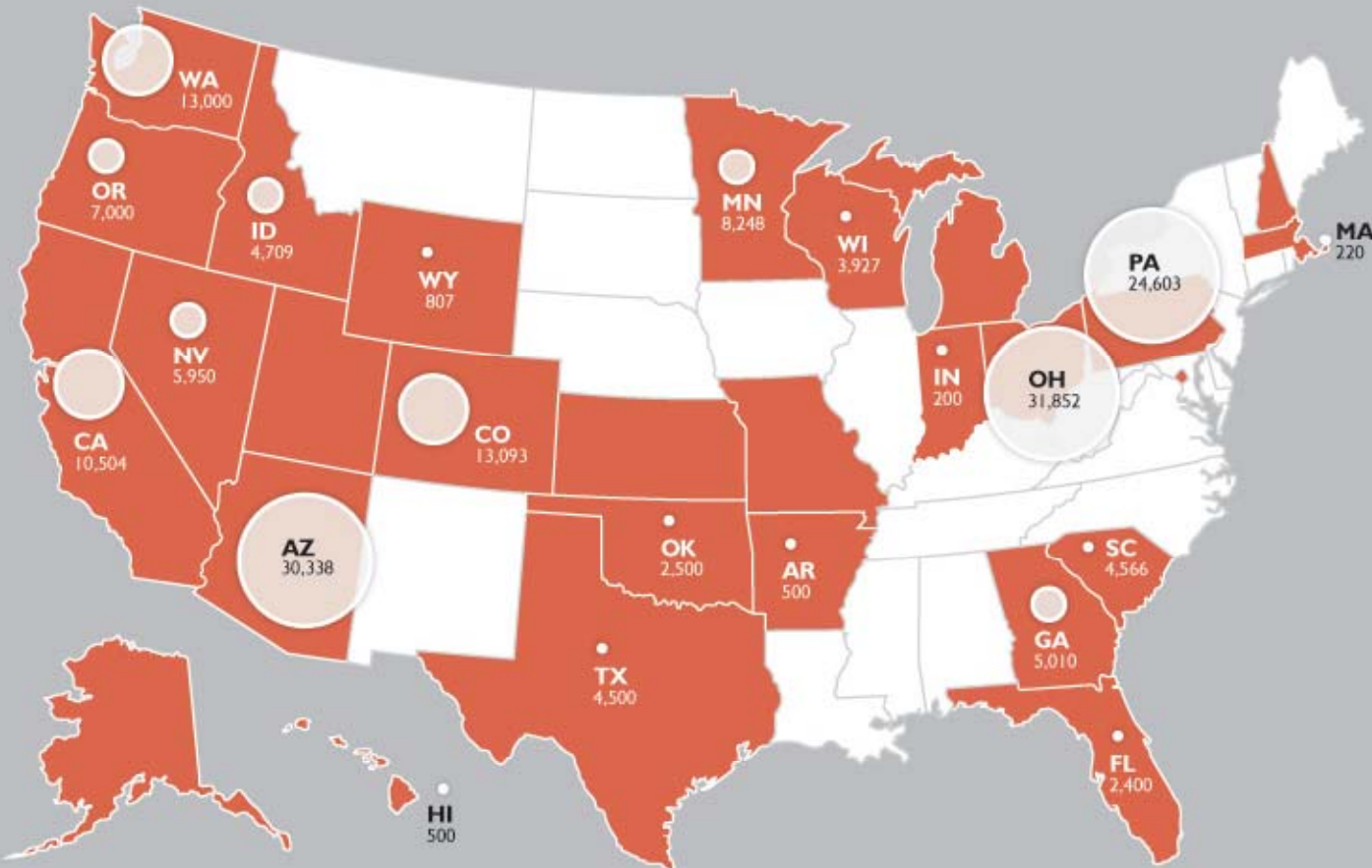
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Upcoming projects...

- More detail on approved providers
- Results from approved provider survey
- Streamlined school sign-up

States with Multi-district Full-time Online Schools

■ states with a multi-district full-time online school
■ states without a multi-district full-time online school



States with State Virtual Schools or State-led Online Initiatives

■ states with a state virtual school
 ■ states with a state-led online initiative
 ■ states with neither

