

# ALE Webinar: Substantially Similar

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# About the webinar

- Continuing our ALE webinar series
  - Recordings available:  
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  - Next: Feb - TBD
- To ask a question, type it into the question window at any time
- Agenda:
  - Review substantially similar rules
  - Review the checklist
  - Auditor's perspective

Q. Will OSPI endorse or pre-approve our district's substantially similar activities?

- A. No. Each district is responsible for making all determinations that substantially similar activities or experiences are in fact made available to students in the regular instructional program. In other words, neither OSPI nor any other non-district entity will be in a pre-approval role for such determinations. Districts should make their own determinations recognizing that their decisions will be subject to state audit, and that each purchased or contracted experience, along with the substantially similar experience made available to students in the regular instructional program, must be reported annually to OSPI. This implies that districts should establish clear documentation on each determination made.

# Substantially Similar Reports

	2011-12	2012-13
Districts	48	38
Purchases	4,533	2,218
Value	\$4.6 million	\$2.8 million
Districts spending > \$50k	23	14