

Online Courses: Credit Recovery, Core, Honors, AP, College

The DLD offers online courses to help schools individualize, expand and diversify learning opportunities.

Important information to note:

Range and variety

300+ online courses for grades 6–12 are offered through six carefully vetted, high-quality course providers in the following categories:

- Standard (core)
- Credit recovery
- Advanced placement (AP)
- Honors
- Pre-AP
- College offerings

Rigorous and standards-aligned

Courses are taught by online instructors who are certified WA State teachers and meet the NCLB “highly qualified” standard. Course curricula are written to national, if not state, standards; when applicable, courses written to national standards have been mapped to state standards.

Registration and credit managed by schools

Schools determine which courses are available to their students and which students are eligible to take online courses. Credits for online courses are granted through the student's school. Schools pay tuition for online courses, an expense that can be offset by retaining student enrollments and their FTE dollars.

On-site and online support for students

Student success in online courses is encouraged and supported by a school-based Teacher/Mentor and Registrar. Students taking online courses are automatically assigned an online DLD tutor. All tutor-student communications are conducted online via a DLD-managed and monitored platform.

Required and suggested implementation strategies:

Identify Course Support team¹ members (DLD Registrar and Teacher/Mentor). Team members must first sign up² with the DLD, then participate in the required 90-minute phone orientation.

Direct prospective students to the Explore Online Learning³ page to read Indicators of Student Success and take the quizzes/surveys offered.

Have prospective students try out an online course by exploring the Course Demos⁴.

Have prospective students meet with the school DLD Registrar to review the Course Selection Guidelines⁵ and select their course(s).

Once they are registered, direct students to the Steps to Success⁶ and Get Ready to Start⁷ pages to start them out on the right foot.

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Link references:

Course Support team¹

http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/online_courses/list_of_registrars.php

Sign up²

<http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/about/options/courses/>

Explore Online Learning³

http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/online_courses/online_learning.php

Course Demos⁴

http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/online_courses/demo_coures.php

Course Selection Guidelines⁵

http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/online_courses/selection_guidelines.php

Steps to Success⁶

http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/online_courses/students_bestpractices.php

Get Ready to Start⁷

http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/online_courses/start.php