

PUBLIC EDUCATION ONLINE

STATEWIDE ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The **Statewide Online Education Program** allows students to earn high school graduation credit through publicly funded online courses offered by school districts and charter schools accredited for 9-12th grade education. Students may access high quality online learning regardless of where they attend school, regardless of language, residence, family income, or special needs. This program allows students to acquire knowledge and technology skills for a digital world. Students can utilize technology to customize education and to learn in their own style, at their own pace. They can access learning virtually at any time and in any place, and can spend as little or as much time as they need to master the material. Students may accelerate academically or take additional time to gain competency. They can customize their schedules to better meet their academic goals. Students can select courses from online providers statewide. Quality learning options better prepare students for post-secondary education and vocational or career opportunities by allowing them an individualized educational experience.

Who is eligible?

Students are eligible to earn high school credit through the Statewide Online Education Program if they are enrolled in a district school or charter school in Utah. Students attending a private or home school and having a custodial parent or legal guardian which is a resident of Utah are also eligible for the program. All necessary information is available on the website specified below. Once an enrollment request is filed, the Utah State Office of Education handles the rest of the enrollment process.

How many courses can I take?

For the 2013-2014 school year, students may enroll in up to **three credits** online, but may request more credits if it can be demonstrated that these better meet the academic goals of the student. If a request to exceed three credits is not initially approved, the State Board of Education may (but is not required to) allow the student to enroll in more than three online credits. Also, a student will not normally receive approval to exceed the number of credits they would earn by taking a full course load (figured across the whole year rather than semester by semester) during the regular school day in their high school, unless they intend to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early in accordance with an approved education/occupation plan (SEOP). Online courses are intended for the most part to *replace* courses students would otherwise be taking during the regular school day in a traditional high school.

Where do I get information?

The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) website is home to a link to the Program website at: WWW.SCHOOLS.UTAH.GOV/EDONLINE. Your school district or charter school is also required to include information regarding this program on their own website, and in registration materials.

How do I register?

An enrollment request may be filed *using a link available on the website mentioned above*. The USOE will do everything else that is necessary, and the provider will contact you to begin.

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