

PUBLIC EDUCATION ONLINE

STATEWIDE ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAM

"Enabling Students to earn high school graduation credit through the completion of publicly funded online courses."

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, 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 – making it easy for you.

How many courses can I take?

In the 2015-16 school year, students may enroll in up to five credits online. In the 2016-17 school year, students may take up to six credits online. The student may access these courses à la carte, while pursuing remaining credits at their school of enrollment, where they intend to graduate. To exceed full course load (figured across the whole year rather than semester by semester) during the regular school day in their high school, students should intend to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early in accordance with an approved college and career-ready plan ("SEOP" or "CCRP"). 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, and it is assumed that the student will not be enrolled more than full time, when online and regular courses are added together. This program is not recommended for re-taking courses. Utah's Electronic High School is a great resource for making up credit where a student was not originally successful. Statewide Online Education Program courses are taken for *original credit* and they are *substituted* for courses that the student would otherwise be taking at their school of enrollment. These courses are not a supplement to be added to a full course load, unless the student has an approved plan for early graduation.

Where do I get information and register?

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. An enrollment request form is available on the "Students and Parents" page of the website mentioned above. The USOE facilitates enrollment, and the provider will contact you to begin within approximately ten business days.

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