

Online Learning Options in Utah



Introduction to Online Learning

Online learning is another education choice. Specifically, it is educational instruction and content delivered primarily over the Internet. (Watson & Kalmon, 2005). The term online learning is used interchangeably with Virtual learning, cyber learning, or e-learning.

Reasons to Choose Online Learning

Students use Online Learning to receive credit for H. S. Graduation. It allows students the flexibility to:

- Make room in their school schedule for other courses.
- Take courses not available at their school.
- Accommodate elite sports schedules.
- Meet early graduation requirements
- Continue their education while managing health issues.
- Meet scholarship guidelines

Districts Offering Online Learning

Students are not required to take online courses. Most school districts have been offering online learning options for their students, however, in 2011, SB65 was signed into law, which made it mandatory for all districts in the state of Utah to offer online learning for students in grades 9-12.

All of the Online Learning Options are not the same. It is important for students and parents/guardians to research all options fully and choose based upon student's learning needs.

Consider the following:

- How do you want online to fit in your life?
- When do you plan to do your coursework?
- Do you want to take a class in addition to your full schedule, or are you replacing a class period and leaving campus to go do it?
- Is this for original credit, credit recovery, or accelerated credit?
- Do you need a teacher in the room, or can you work independently and finish work on schedule?
- Do you have the technology and connectivity at home?
- How are your computer skills?
- Do parents/guardians understand they are the learning coach, and expected to monitor activity and grades, respond to emails and assist with successful completion?

Eligibility to Take an Online Course

All 9-12 grade students enrolled in a public or private school, and have a custodial parent/guardian who is a resident of Utah are eligible to take an online course.

Types of Online Options

Online choices are classified 3 ways (these options are provided in chart form in “Table 1” below). Keep in mind that the online options being reviewed are for students in 9-12 grades.

District Programs (USC)

- Offered by the school district and not listed on Statewide Online Learning Provider's list
- Does not require CCA (Course Credit Acknowledgement Form)
- WPU funds stay with student's school of Enrollment
- For Original Credit or Credit Recovery
- Can take 2 credits in addition to or in place of regular school schedule
- Constrained by quarters, see website for dates
- Courses require a final proctored exam
- Instructors are licensed Utah Educators from Cache, Davis, Jordan, Murray, Nebo, Park City and Tooele School Districts
- NCAA Approved
- Register with your school counselor
- Available to students in Cache, Davis, Jordan, Murray, Park City and Tooele School Districts

State Funded (EHS)

- Electronic High School receives funding from legislation to operate.
- WPU funds stay with student's school of enrollment,
- No CCA required,
- And can offer Original or Credit Recovery course in addition to or in place of regular school schedule.
- Courses are open for 10 weeks
- Taught by Licensed Utah Educators
- NCAA Approved
- Register with your school counselor

Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP)

- Created by SB 65
- Requires a CCA
- Removes WPU funds from student's school of enrollment
- Student can only take Original Credit courses
- Not available in summer
- Student must drop number of registered credits with provider from school schedule and leave campus.
- Contact each individual Provider for information about their courses
 - [SOEP Provider's List](#)

Additional Online Options

Contact each individual district online representative for information regarding any other Third party providers that are not listed with any of the options above. Each school district has enrollment policies which must be met.

[District Contact List](#)

Full-time Online Enrollment

Currently the participating districts do not have a full-time Online High School. Some Statewide Providers such as EHS, offer a full-time schedule, however the following apply:

1. Students must meet the individual School Districts registration requirements.
2. Once accepted, student is no longer enrolled in a District school.
3. Students may have to travel to their online school's location to take end of year exams.

A student wishing to attend an online high school full-time may find some options in the Statewide Online Education Program's Website.

[SOEP's Website](#)

Taking more Online Credits than Allowed through SOEP

Talk with your counselor if you are interested in taking more than a regular school day's schedule with an Online Provider from the SOEP. This option may be possible if it is found to be in the best interest of the student and requires a change in the student's CCR/SEOP.

Table 1: High School Credit Options

PROGRAM	HOW TO GET INVOLVED	DETAILS OF PROGRAM
<p><u>UTAH STUDENTS CONNECT</u> (Online Program)</p>	<p>See Counselor to sign up</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grades 9-12 2. Allows you to attend traditional school and earn original credit or credit recovery to increase flexibility in your schedule or to speed up graduation 3. No cost, except class fees 4. Accessed through "Canvas" LMS 5. Can earn up to 2 credits per year in addition to your traditional school schedule 6. May take up to 6 online credits per year (check with individual school districts) <u>School District Contact List</u> 7. Does not require CCA 8. WPU funds stay within students' school of enrollment 9. Constrained by quarters. No open-entry, open-exit 10. NCAA approved
<p><u>ELECTRONIC HIGH SCHOOL</u></p>	<p>See Counselor to sign up Contacts: www.ehs.uen.org questions.ehs.uen.org (801) 538-7564</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grades 9-12 2. Original or credit recovery 3. Free for Utah students 4. Open-Entry 5. Each course must be finished within 10 weeks. 6. Accessed through "Canvas" LMS 7. Does not require CCA 8. WPU funds stay within students' school of enrollment 9. NCAA approved
<p><u>STATEWIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION ON-LINE</u> (Online Schools)</p>	<p>See Counselor or Online Provider to sign up</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Several on-line providers to choose from (visit website) 2. Can earn up to 2 credits per year in place of two other credits in your traditional school 3. Schedule maintains 8 total credits 4. Original Credit 5. School year only 6. Free for Utah students 7. Must contact each individual Provider for information about their school 8. Requires CCA 9. WPU funds are diverted from students' school of enrollment 10. Can enroll in up to 4 credits for the 2014-15 school year (4 online credits will replace 4 credits at the students boundary school.)

Online Options in Cache School District for K-12 Grades

CCSD Online Courses for Students in 9-12 Grade

In response to the creation of the Statewide Online Education Program, several school districts created a consortium in order to pool the online learning resources they had been offering as early as 2003. This consortium is called [Utah Students Connect \(USC\)](#) and currently consists of Cache, Davis, Jordan, Murray, Nebo, Park City, and Tooele School Districts.

USC Enrollment Requirements

USC provides online courses for students in the participating school districts listed above with the following requirements:



- If a student is enrolled in a Cache County School, students may sign up for up to 4 online courses with USC.
- If a student is enrolled in classes with anyone other than USC or the SOEP, they cannot be enrolled in a Cache County School.
- Students who are not enrolled in a Cache County School, are not eligible to enroll with USC.

Online courses with USC can be taken above the students' regular day school schedule, however it is never recommended for students to take more than 2 credits above their schedule. You will want to plan with your school counselor, a schedule that will be in the best interest of the student.

To register for an online course, meet with your school counselor. They will discuss with you the options you have for online learning. If you decide that Utah Students Connect is right for you, they will register you for a USC online course. Courses are free to the student during the school year, and cost \$45 per quarter credit during the summer, and for each quarter credit of credit recovery the student takes.

A final proctored test will be issued at the end of each quarter for each course. Final testing will be held at the student's school, or at the district testing center.

Final Proctored Final Information

CCSD Online Courses for Students in Grades 7-8

There are currently no online options for Cache County School District students in grades 7-8. You can contact your boundary school for other options for knowledge recovery that are, or are not online. You can also check out other online schools at the [Utah State Office of Education](#), or by searching online for Utah online schools.

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Links to Online Programs and Schools

[Utah Students Connect](http://utahstudentsconnect.org) <http://utahstudentsconnect.org>

[Electronic High School](http://schools.utah.gov/edonline/Electronic-High-School-(EHS).aspx) [http://schools.utah.gov/edonline/Electronic-High-School-\(EHS\).aspx](http://schools.utah.gov/edonline/Electronic-High-School-(EHS).aspx)

[Public Education Online \(SOEP\)](http://schools.utah.gov/edonline/default.aspx) <http://schools.utah.gov/edonline/default.aspx>