

Provo City School District
Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment



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Online Learning

Offerings:

Provo eSchool offers full-time enrollment for students in grades K-12 who live in Provo School District and for students in grades K-8 across Utah. A full-time schedule for kindergarteners includes math, language arts and one elective (science, social studies, music or art). Students in grades 1-6 take four core classes (math, language arts, science, and social studies) and one elective. Students in grades 7-8 take four core classes and two electives, and students in grades 9-12 take seven to eight courses.

In addition to original credit classes, Provo eSchool offers credit recovery classes for students to make up lost credit from classes they previously failed. These classes come in .25 or .5 credit increments, and require a fee. Credit recovery courses are designed to show mastery and do not require the same amount of work as an original credit class.

Provo eSchool also works directly with the local high schools to provide credit recovery gap classes, which provide Provo High and Timpview students the opportunity to take credit recovery classes at their school. Some credit recovery gap class students enroll in an original credit online class during that time if the course they need doesn't fit into their regular school schedule.

Provo eSchool offers NCAA-approved core courses through a curriculum vendor. Students must notify eSchool staff if they are seeking NCAA eligibility to ensure they are enrolled in eligible classes. Credit recovery courses are not NCAA approved.

eSchool offers part-time enrollment options. Students in grades 1-12 who live in Provo School District may take some of their classes at their local brick and mortar school and some at eSchool. Between the two schools, the student is given a full schedule. eSchool classes may not be supplemental to a full school day at a brick and mortar school. Students in grades 9-12 outside of Provo may enroll part-time in eSchool through the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP). This program allows students throughout Utah to take online classes through another district, while maintaining their enrollment in their local school district.

eSchool also offers a variety of summer school opportunities for students who need both original and credit recovery classes. These offerings are provided at the high schools as well as at home if that is the student's choice.

eSchool Curriculum Vendors:

Provo eSchool contracts with four vendors for curriculum. All curriculums are aligned to Utah State Standards.

1. K12: Available to students in grades K-8. Provides a hybrid approach of online resources and physical materials (workbooks, textbooks, science kits, etc.) that are mailed to a student's house. A parent/guardian is highly involved in guiding a student through the set curriculum. eSchool teachers tutor, monitor, support, and provide intervention for these students. Courses are yearlong. World language courses are available beginning in third grade.
2. FuelEd: Solely online curriculum available to students in grades 9-12. Primarily used for CTE courses and world languages. Courses are divided into semesters. FuelEd provides Utah-certified teachers for each course.
3. BYU Independent Study: Solely online curriculum available to students in grades 7-12. All core classes and many elective courses offered. Courses are divided into semesters. BYU Independent provides Utah-certified teachers for each course.
4. Edgenuity: Solely online curriculum available to students in grades 6-12. All core classes and many elective courses offered. Original credit core classes are NCAA approved. Courses are divided into semesters, but many may also be subdivided into terms. Edgenuity provides Utah-certified teachers for each course.

Third Party Providers:

A Third Party Provider is an organization or business who recruits parents and students to be part of an educational program that allows for greater flexibility in curriculum choices that meet state standards for that grade level or class. These students are then enrolled in the Provo City School District and must meet all enrollment requirements and eSchool rules. Third Party Providers are selected through an approved district and state RFP process. Contracts are reviewed yearly and re-negotiated at least once every three years.

Local and State Compliance:

District online offerings and Third Party Providers must meet all local and state compliance rules and mandates. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- On a monthly basis the eSchool administration will meet with Third Party Providers to review and complete a "monthly checklist." This checklist will include new curriculum offerings, staff additions or deletions, allowable student reimbursements, asset inventory, student work completion through grades, exams and eSchool directed learning logs, attendance and withdrawals. These monthly checklists will be kept and maintained for a two-year cycle, and will be reviewable by both district and state level administrators.
- All online programs will comply with FERPA rules and regulations.
- To ensure students in grades K-8 are progressing at an appropriate pace for their age level they will be required to take an intervention exam at the beginning of their course work in

both mathematics and English courses. Students may not opt-out of these exams. If students are found to have deficiencies on these exams, teachers will provide multi-tiered interventions to help the student acquire missing skills needed for grade level success. These interventions must be recorded, and reports will include types of interventions used, length of intervention and post-intervention assessment measures. If the grade level cannot be maintained with targeted interventions this will be a key factor in determining if a special education referral is needed.

- Third Party Providers will be required to complete a monthly invoice. This invoice will include a detailed list of students and their grade levels.
- Third Party Providers must follow Utah State Code R277-417 if they are choosing to provide a reimbursement to parents of students enrolled in their programs. A list of reimbursements will be provided on a monthly basis. These lists will be reviewed by the eSchool administration for compliance. Once this process is completed these lists will be sent to USBE officials for their additional review.
- Third Party Providers must never speak on behalf of or use the school district's name without expressly granted permission. This includes, but is not limited to, GRAMA requests, agreements with curriculum vendors, and discussions with higher education institutions.
- Third Party Providers must comply with all eSchool rules including attendance/progress requirements and the 10-day drop rule.
- All Third Party Provider program students must be full-time students as no dual enrollment students will be allowed.
- eSchool will provide special education and 504 services to any qualifying student enrolled in online program regardless of where they live in Utah.

Annual Report:

eSchool will provide to the Board of Education an annual report that details course completion rates, enrollment break downs, Third Party compliance, and overall success and improvement data.

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