

## Indiana State Profile

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Indiana digital learning options include statewide and district supplemental programs, fully online schools, blended schools, and consortia. Indiana Online (IO), a program of the Central Indiana Educational Service Center, functions much like a state virtual school, serving 20,510 students with 33,326 course enrollments in 288 schools during the 2022-23 SY. Most IO course enrollments are for summer school. IO acquired the Indiana Virtual Academy (IndVA) in July 2021 making it the largest supplemental program in the state. IO offers a full-time virtual option, supplemental courses, curriculum, and assists schools with teacher shortages through their FlexED program.

| State virtual school?                        | NO  |
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| Multi-district fully online schools?         | YES |
| State approval process for online providers? | YES |
| State approval process for online courses?   | YES |

Three fully online schools enrolled 6,894 students during the 2021-22 SY, down from 7,974 in 2020-21 SY. Student enrollment numbers for the 2022-23 SY will be updated as that data becomes available.

Some of the other programs offering digital learning options in Indiana include:

- Warren Online Academy, part of MSD of Warren Township, is an online school serving students K-12.
- <u>Achieve Virtual Education Academy</u>, part of the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township, is an online high school that accepts students from across the state.
- <u>Center Grove Global Campus</u> provides online courses to students at Center Grove High School.
- Concord Community Schools <u>Move-Up Academy</u> provides both part- and full-time options.



- Indiana Digital Learning School is an online program of Union School Corporation.
- <u>Indiana University High School</u> is a diploma-granting distance education program providing tuition-based supplemental courses and a fully online program to students worldwide.
- There are at least two hybrid schools in Indiana serving students in grades K-8: Enlace Academy and George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academy.

See the full list of accredited virtual schools in Indiana.

The Indiana Course Access Portal (iCAP) serves as a course repository of <u>over 200 virtual course options</u> from <u>seven different course providers</u> that have been approved by the Indiana Department of Education. iCAP provides supplemental online options for high school students enrolled in their resident districts. iCAP was first introduced as HEA 1007 in 2017 then adopted as Indiana Code 20-30-16.

As part of the <u>U.S. Department of Education's Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses</u> grant program, the Indiana Department of Education has contracted with Indiana University to establish the Well-Rounded Course Access (WRCA) program. The goal of WRCA is to create a network of schools that will deliver 90 supplementary virtual courses to increase opportunities for students to take courses that may not be offered at their main school or work with their schedule.

For details of online learning funding in this state see the DLC's report <u>A Review of Online Learning Funding</u>.

## **State Policies**

No major legislation impacting online and/or blended learning was passed through August 2023.

HB 1093 (2022) prohibits schools from conducting more than three days of virtual student instruction in a single school year. The law establishes a definition for "virtual student instructional day" and the requirements for what a virtual learning day looks like. Schools must provide remote students with teacher-directed synchronous instruction for at least half of a virtual day. If a school needs more than three virtual days in a single school year they can apply for a waiver.

The state did provide full ADM funding for fully online students for the 2020-21 SY in response to the pandemic but has returned to a policy that funds multi-district online schools at 85% of ADM.

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