

## Louisiana State Profile

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Louisiana has two multi-district fully online charter schools, a number of district programs, and a statewide Supplemental Course Academy, part of the Louisiana Department of Education. There is no state virtual school.

The two fully online schools enrolled 5,486 students during the 2022-23 SY. Virtual charter enrollment has been consistent over the past five years.

- 5,164 students in SY 2019-20
- 5,415 students in SY 2020-21
- 5.626 students in SY 2021-22
- 5,486 students in SY 2022-23
- 5,636 students for fall 2023

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

The Supplemental Course Academy (SCA) lists courses from 67 <u>providers</u> that are offered to K–12 students statewide for the 2023-24 SY. Providers must submit a <u>request for application</u> to the SCA for approval. The SCA also has a supplemental dual enrollment program with 27 community college and university <u>providers</u> as of October 2023.

There are several hybrid schools in the state including:

- The <u>eLearning Academy</u> combines online curriculum and instruction with learning centers in Thibodaux, New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Houma.
- In addition to enrolling full-time students from across the state, the <u>Louisiana Virtual</u>
  <u>Charter Academy</u> also has a hybrid program that gives students the opportunity for
  face-to-face instruction and remediation through its Blended Learning Centers in
  Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette, Alexandria, Shreveport, and Monroe.



- <u>Apple Digital Academy</u> offers a hybrid learning program for students K-12, including an alternative learning program for expelled students.
- <u>Virtual Academy of Lafourche</u> is a charter school enrolling students full-time in grades K-12 with face-to-face learning opportunities.

## District programs include:

- St. Mary Parish School District <u>Virtual Learning Program</u> provides a full-time option for in-district students grades 6-12 and supplemental courses for both in- and out-ofdistrict students grades 8-12.
- St. Martin Parish School District's <u>Virtual Learning Program</u> offers a full-time option for grades 3-12.
- St. Tammany Parish Public School System's <u>A3 Virtual Academy</u> offers full-time options for high school students in the district.
- <u>Jefferson Virtual High School</u>, a program of Jefferson Parish Schools, provides full-time options for high school students.

## **State Policies**

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

<u>Code §236.3</u> defines a "Virtual school" and provides guidance to districts on attendance requirements for virtual students.

DLC State Profile Key Terms