

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 5,626 students during the 2021-22 SY. The virtual charters enrolled 5,415 full-time students in SY 2020-21 and 5,164 in the 2019-20 SY. Student enrollment numbers for the 2022-23 SY will be updated as that data becomes available. Many districts offer full-time options for resident students.

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

There are several hybrid schools in the state including:

- The [eLearning Academy](#) 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 [Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy](#) 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.
- [Apple Digital Academy](#) offers a hybrid learning program for students K-12, including an alternative learning program for expelled students.
- [Virtual Academy of Lafourche](#) is a charter school enrolling students full-time in grades K-12 with face-to-face learning opportunities.

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

District programs include:

- St. Mary Parish School District [Virtual Learning Program](#) provides a full-time option for in-district students grades 6-12 and supplemental courses for both in- and out-of-district students grades 8-12.
- St. Martin Parish School District's [Virtual Learning Program](#) offers a full-time option for grades 3-12.
- St. Tammany Parish Public School System's [A3 Virtual Academy](#) offers full-time options for high school students in the district.
- [Jefferson Virtual High School](#), 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.

[Code §236.3](#) defines a “Virtual school” and provides guidance to districts on attendance requirements for virtual students.

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