

Alaska State Profile

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Alaska has offered a variety of distance learning options to its students for many years. Digital learning activity is limited and occurs largely at the district level. There is no state virtual school and no multi-district online schools.

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

District activity includes:

- The Anchorage School District supports the ASD Virtual Program for grades K-12.
- The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District has an established <u>eLearning program</u> for K-12 students.
- The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District's <u>Alaska Digital Academy</u> provides online options for grades 6-12. Before the pandemic, the Digital Academy provided courses and services to districts across Alaska, but now serves only resident district students.

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Childhood provides online courses and training for teachers through the <u>eLearning</u> program but does not provide courses for districts and students.

State Policies

SB 111 (2022) creates a virtual education consortium, managed by the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), to develop and maintain a catalog of virtual education courses

for students and teachers. The law gives the consortium the option to charge fees to participating districts, but the specifics have not been defined as of September 2022.