

Missouri State Profile

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Launch Virtual Learning of Springfield Public Schools, a DLC State Affiliate, was instrumental in conducting the research for this profile.

Missouri has a virtual learning program operated by the state agency, [Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program](#) (MOCAP), a large statewide consortium, district activity, and five multi-district fully online schools serving 1,651 students in SY 2021-22.

The [Launch Virtual Learning](#) consortium, a program of Springfield Public Schools, served 26,252 students across 93,745 course enrollments in SY 2022-23 with over 380 district members out of 564 districts in the state. The consortium served 21,00 students in 73,433 course enrollments during the 2021-22 SY. Launch serves both part-time and full-time online students in grades K-12. Its courses are designed and developed in-house.

The MOCAP serves K-12 course enrollments through its [course catalog](#) that includes courses with or without instructional support. Students enroll in through their resident LEA's with MOCAP providers to setup reporting and invoicing. There are 18 course providers to the catalog as of October 2023. MOCAP offers both part- and full-time options.

District activity includes:

- Lee's Summit [R-7 Online Academy](#) offers classes free to in-district students and for a small fee to out-of-district students.
- Columbia Public Schools [Virtual School](#) provides a variety of online and blended courses to its middle and high school students.
- Douglas County School District's [Choice Online Learning](#) program provides some online courses and others in a blended format. [eDCSD](#) is an online K-12 program available to district students.

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

- North Kansas City Schools' [Virtual Learning](#) is a full-time program for students in grades K-8.
- The [SLPS Virtual Learning Program](#) gives students in the St. Louis Public Schools full-time option for grades K-12.

The University of Missouri's College of Education operates [Mizzou Academy](#) that offers 200 self-paced courses for a fee, typically paid by students and their families. There are some traditional semester format courses as well.

State Policies

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

[CSR 20-100.230](#) Virtual Instruction Program (2019) established the [Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program](#) (MOCAP) and set policies and procedures for enrollment and provider approval. [HB 1552](#) (section 161.670) passed in the May 2022 legislative session. This bill adds additional provisions to the original Missouri Course

Access Program legislation, including the distinction between per-course and full-time students.

[SB291](#) (2009) eliminated seat-time requirements for virtual education classes offered by Missouri school districts and allowed districts to collect state funds. It stated, "for purposes of calculation and distribution of funding, attendance of a student enrolled in a district virtual class will equal, upon course completion, ninety-four percent of the hours of attendance for such class delivered in the non-virtual program." Charter schools receive state funding when providing virtual courses to students. School districts and charter schools must ensure that courses from outside vendors are aligned with state

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