

New Hampshire State Profile

Virtual Learning Academy Charter School, a DLC State Affiliate, was instrumental in conducting the research for this profile.

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New Hampshire has a statewide virtual charter school, [Virtual Learning Academy Charter School](#) (VLACS), which plays a role similar to that of other state virtual schools in that it primarily provides supplemental courses to students in grades K-12. Most digital learning activity in the state is through VLACS, which served 10,656 students (including full-time students) across 27,646 course enrollments in SY 2022-23.

Although VLACS enrollment numbers come largely through supplemental courses, the number includes 966 full-time middle and high school students during the 2022-23 SY. Students can take all of their courses through VLACS while remaining enrolled in their home district or receive a diploma from VLACS upon completion of coursework.

Homeschooled students are considered a part-time VLACS student and may take up to six credits per year.

VLACS is the only state virtual school to use a competency-based model since its inception, where students progress as they demonstrate mastery of academic content. There is no pre-determined timetable for course completion. Instead, students take the time needed to satisfactorily complete the course material. Acceleration is allowed, and a student who requires extra time to meet a competency is given that flexibility.

Currently, all New Hampshire charter schools, including VLACS, receive funding for each FTE, which is defined as a unit of 12 completed half-credit courses. VLACS receives funding from three sources: state education aid, out-of-state tuition, and grants. As

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

a competency-based school, VLACS does not receive funding based on seat-time / attendance, but receives funding based on course / competency completion percentages (i.e., if a student completes 30% of the course, VLACS will receive 30% of the funding).

[New Hampshire Career Academy](#), a collaboration between the New Hampshire Department of Education and Community College System of New Hampshire, gives students an option to earn a high school diploma, an associate degree, and industry credential over a two-year program at no tuition cost. It also includes a job interview with a New Hampshire employer. Students enter the program at the start of their senior year of high school.

State Policies

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

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