

Oklahoma State Profile

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Oklahoma has seven multi-district online charter schools (including one new schools for fall 2023, district programs, and the Horizon Digitally Enhanced Campus that provides access to supplemental online courses. There is no state virtual school.

Six multi-district fully online schools operating during the 2022-23 SY served 34,621 students during the 2022-23 SY. Epic is the largest of the fully schools with 28,478 student enrollments for SY 2022-23, up from 20,584 during the 2021-22 SY. The [Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board](#) (SVCSB) was created to have sole [authority to authorize](#) virtual charter schools in Oklahoma and [maintains descriptions and performance data](#) for all virtual charters.

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

The following illustrates the impact of the pandemic on the virtual charter school student enrollment:

- 21,557 students in SY 2019-20
- 39,584 students in SY 2020-21
- 26,311 students in SY 2021-22
- 34,621 students in SY 2022-23

Although enrollments have declined since the COVID peak, there was still a 61% increase in SY 2022-23 over the pre-pandemic enrollments.

The [Horizon Digitally Enhanced Campus](#), managed by the SVSCB, contains a list of courses available from approved course providers with associated costs, accreditations, a Quality Matters review scores for each course, and the rate of successful completion. Courses are certified by the SVCSB for a period of five years. The Horizon program has a consortium component that provides district members with negotiated discounts on provider courses accessible through the Horizon platform. Members also receive partial

course funding from the state. The funding subsidies vary from year to year based on the state budget, and first year consortium members receive slightly more funding support than legacy members.

District programs of note include:

- Tulsa Public Schools [Virtual Academy](#) offers a full-time virtual school to its Pre-K-12 students.
- Oklahoma City Public Schools' [e3 online program](#) provides a full-time option for Pre-K-12 students within the district.
- [Virtual Edmond](#) serves students 6-12 within Edmond Public School boundaries.
- [Moore Virtual Academy](#) provides full-time options for district students in grades 7-12.
- Broken Arrow Public Schools' [Virtual Academy](#) provides full-time options for students in grades K-12.
- Newcastle Public Schools' [Tri-City Learning Academy](#) provides a full-time option for district students in grades K-12 and three surrounding county schools districts.

Supplemental online courses are also available through both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

State Policies

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

[SB 1238](#) (2021) amends 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-145.5. The law relates to the school day, clarifying that nothing shall prohibit a student from transferring to a fulltime virtual education program.

[SB1816](#) (2012) created the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; [SB267](#) (2013) amended the original legislation. The board offers oversight of the operations and is the sole authorizer of all statewide virtual charter schools; it also established policies and procedures for accepting, approving, disapproving, and renewing statewide virtual charter school applications. SB267 also prevented a school district from offering a fully online education to students who reside outside the district.

Oklahoma statute [70-1-111](#) requires districts to provide supplemental online courses to students using online technology “inside or outside of public school site locations.” The statute requires open enrollment throughout the year and students can take up to 5 credits in an academic year.

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