

North Carolina State Profile

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North Carolina has one of the largest state virtual schools in the country, North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVirtual), There are two multi-district fully online schools. North Carolina Virtual Academy enrolled 3,524 students during the 2021-22 SY and the North Carolina Cyber Academy enrolled 2,871 during the 2021-22 SY. There is also at least one hybrid school, Crossroads Flex High School.

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

NCVirtual served 34,224 students with 124,540 course enrollments during the 2021-22 SY. Many districts with their own blended learning and 1:1 device programs use NCVirtual to provide supplemental online courses to students. NCVirtual also has a growing <u>Partnership Program</u> where districts use NCVPS courses, technology and training while employing their own district teachers. Districts enter into a partnership agreement by purchasing enrollments in a select number of NCVirtual courses.

<u>IworkNCVirtual</u> is a virtual career exploration series hosted by NCVirtual in partnership with the North Carolina Business Committee for Education. The series features a diverse group of industry leaders from across North Carolina and supports student exploration of career opportunities in North Carolina with a focus on education requirements, getting the job, daily responsibilities, industry environment. IworkNCVirtual has over 70 archived sessions available including presentations by professionals as well as teenage entrepreneurs.

There is considerable district activity, including:

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools offers online courses through its <u>Virtual High School</u> (grades 9-12) and <u>Virtual Middle School</u> (grades 4-8). The Virtual High School also offers dual enrollment courses in partnership with Central Piedmont Community College.
- Guilford County Schools offers K-5 students online options through the <u>eLearning Virtual</u>
 <u>Academy</u> and the <u>eLearning University Prep</u> serves grades 6-8.
- Granville County Public Schools operates the <u>Granville Academy</u>, a hybrid K-12 school.
 K-8 students attend onsite two days per week and students in grades 9-12 are provided access a lab for instructional support as needed.
- BCS Virtual Academy is operated by the Bumcombe County Schools serving students in grades K-12.

State Policies

No major legislation impacting online and/or blended learning was passed January through August 2022.