

# Idaho State Profile

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Idaho has a large and active state virtual school, [Idaho Digital Learning Alliance](#) (IDLA), a number of multi-district fully online schools, district programs, and a state distance education academy. IDLA had 44,342 course enrollments in SY 2022-23 after serving 43,972 course enrollments in SY 2021-22. On average, 1 in 9 students from an urban school district took an IDLA course during the 2022-23 SY, and 1 in 5 students from a rural school district took an IDLA course during the 2022-23 SY.

Idaho has 6 full-time virtual charter schools serving served 4,773 enrollments during the 2022-23 SY, down from 7 schools SY 2021-22. The following illustrates the impact of the pandemic on the virtual charter school student enrollment.

- 3,894 students in SY 2019-20
- 8,955 students in SY 2020-21
- 5,331 students in SY 2021-22
- 4,773 students in SY 2022-23

The students served in SY 2022-23 represents a 23% increase over pre-pandemic enrollments.

Idaho uses the same funding formula for virtual and brick-and-mortar charter schools. Qualifying virtual charters receive transportation funding and all are eligible for facilities funding.

IDLA offers several supplemental [online course formats](#) for grade 6-12 courses. The Cohort model is a traditional supplemental online course offered on a 12- or 16-week schedule with predetermined start and end dates. IDLA launched a Credit Recovery

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

model in SY 2021-22 that follows the same structure as the Cohort model and establishes behavioral expectations with daily attendance requirements. Flex courses are self-paced and allow students to be exempted from specific content if they can demonstrate mastery through a unit pre-test. IDLA Hybrid online courses offer synchronous lectures and lessons to students via video conference as an opportunity for additional instruction and assessment in combination with the asynchronous course. Custom Section courses provide districts the opportunity to offer classes to a group of their students that they cannot run due to available teachers or timing. All five online course options include the support of an IDLA online teacher.

Beginning Fall 2020, IDLA created elementary core class offerings in response to the statewide need for online options due to the pandemic. The program had 2,126 course enrollments in SY 2021-22 after serving 4,867 course enrollments in SY 2020-21. In SY 2022-23, IDLA pivoted its elementary program from core instruction to ELA intervention, known as Launchpad. A reduction in enrollment in the core program indicated that online instruction was no longer a critical need for public schools. IDLA's Elementary Launchpad program is an effort to help meet the needs of schools who struggle to hire and retain teachers and paraprofessionals by providing them with an Idaho certified K-8 teacher to conduct whole group, small group, and individualized instruction to help students meet statewide benchmarks on the Idaho Reading Indicator. IDLA's Launchpad students, largely composed of students who were below grade level benchmarks, exceeded the state average in ELA on state assessment scores in both fall and spring of the 2022-23 SY.

IDLA has established a career pathways program in partnership with Idaho CTE program and state universities and colleges. Students now can complete a degree or certificate in Nursing, Web Development, Computer Science, Cyber Security, Education, and General Ed Transfer Certificates online while in high school. IDLA has continued to work with Idaho CTE, the Idaho State Department of Education, and other stakeholders to create pathways for all students to earn a certificate before they graduate high school. District online programs, particularly in larger districts, include:

- [Bonneville Online High School](#) offers online courses for grades 7-12 and dual enrollment courses.
- Vallivue School District's [Vallivue Academy](#) is a small alternative online school.
- West Ada [Virtual School House](#) offers online options for high school students. Students take three courses per quarter and may take up to two additional courses from IDLA.
- [Boise Online School](#) is a program of the Boise School District serving district students in grades K-12.
- [Virtual Prep Academy of Idaho @D91](#) uses district teachers with courses from a provider for grades K-6 and content and instruction from a second provider for grades 7-10.
- Twin Falls School District's [Virtual School House](#) offers online courses through a provider that aggregates content from several national online course providers.

**State Policies**

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

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