

WAC 392-502-010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Multidistrict online provider" means:

(a) A private or nonprofit organization that enters into a contract with a school district to provide online courses or programs to K-12 students from more than one school district;

(b) A private or nonprofit organization or a school district that enters into contracts with multiple school districts to provide online courses or programs to K-12 students from those districts; or

(c) Except as provided in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection, a school district that provides online courses or programs to students who reside outside the geographic boundaries of the school district.

(i) "Multidistrict online provider" does not include a school district online learning program in which fewer than ten percent of the students enrolled in the program are from other districts under the interdistrict student transfer provisions of RCW 28A.225.225.

(ii) "Multidistrict online provider" also does not include regional online learning programs that are jointly developed and implemented through an interdistrict cooperative program between two or more school districts or between one or more school districts and an educational service district, unless the annual average headcount of students who reside outside the geographic boundaries of those school districts and who are enrolled in the regional online program is ten percent or more of the total program enrollment headcount. Any agreement establishing such a program must address, at minimum, how the districts share student full-time equivalency for state basic education funding purposes and how categorical education programs, including special education, are provided to eligible students.

(2) "Online course" means a course, or grade-level course work, in which:

(a) More than half of the course content is delivered electronically using the internet or other computer-based methods; and

(b) More than half of the teaching is conducted from a remote location through an online course learning management system or other online or electronic tools; and

(c) A certificated teacher has the primary responsibility for the student's instructional interaction pertaining to the online course. Primary responsibility means the teacher is the principal individual who provides instructional interactions that may include, but are not limited to, direct instruction, review of assignments, assessment, testing, progress monitoring, and educational facilitation; and

(d) Students have access to the teacher synchronously, asynchronously, or both.

An online course may be delivered to students at school as part of the regularly scheduled school day. An online course also may be delivered to students, in whole or in part, independently from a regular classroom schedule.

(3) "Online school program" means a school program that offers a sequential set of online courses or grade-level course work that may be taken in a single school term or throughout the school year in a manner that could provide a full-time basic education program if so desired by the student. Students may enroll in the program as part-time or full-time students.

An online school program may be delivered to students at school as part of the regularly scheduled school day. An online school program also may be delivered to students, in whole or in part, independently from a regular classroom schedule.

(4) "Online course provider" is an online provider that offers individual online courses that are not delivered as an online school program.

(5) "Online provider" means any provider of an online course or program, multidistrict online providers, all school district online learning programs, and all regional online learning programs.

(6) "Accrediting organizations" means the designated bodies identified by the superintendent of public instruction and published on the superintendent of public instruction web site. Accrediting organizations are for providers to use to satisfy the accreditation qualification for being an approved online provider.

(7) "Affiliate provider" means a school district that:

(a) Provides online courses offered by one or more approved online provider that provides the course content, the technology platform, and the instructional component of the courses; and

(b) Does not modify the content or instruction of the approved provider's offerings. An affiliate provider may not offer to its students any online course or courses that are provided by a nonapproved online provider.

(8) "Single-district provider" means a school district online provider that is not a multidistrict online provider or an affiliate provider.

(9) For the purposes of this section, "primarily" is defined as more than half.

(10) "Course success rate" is the percentage of total online enrollments where the student received a grade for the course that was one of the following: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, P, CR, S. Courses marked as E, F, N, NC, U, or W are not considered successful outcomes.

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