

# Online Learning Approvals: 2020-2021

## Goals:

To support schools temporarily utilizing online learning elements during the Coronavirus crisis and as a long term option for students, and to clarify online learning approval requirements.

## Approvals

Schools adapting to continuous remote learning and hybrid models will likely be doing this largely through elements of online learning.

Online learning has specific definitions and requirements in state statute, including a requirement for OSPI approval. Schools and school districts should be aware of these requirements.

To support schools in meeting these requirements OSPI has developed a decision tree to help districts identify if they need approval during the pandemic.

1. If your district does not have an approval in place, **please see the following decision tree to determine if you will need one.**
2. Reassess your plans regularly. While many of these continuous remote learning and hybrid approaches will cease once students are allowed to return to the regular classroom, you may discover that many of your families and students will continue

to find value in—or need for—an ongoing online learning program.

## Applying

For more information about online learning and/or to secure approval for your program, please contact [Nicole González](#), Online Learning Program Manager.

Single District & Affiliate applications are accepted year-round.

For districts interested in starting a multi-district online school program, contact [Nicole González](#) to begin preparing for the multi-district program application which opens in January 2021.

## Additional Resources

For more information on online learning support for your district and students, please contact:

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- [Online Learning webpage](#)
- [Online Learning Guide](#)
- [Alternative Learning Experience webpage](#)
- [Guide to Offering Alternative Learning Experience \(ALE\)](#)



