

Online Learning Options in Utah



Introduction to Online Learning

Online learning is another education choice. Specifically, it is educational instruction and content delivered primarily over the Internet. (Watson & Kalmon, 2005). The term Online learning is used interchangeably with Virtual learning, digital learning, cyber learning, or e-learning.

Reasons to Choose Online Learning

Students use Online Learning to receive credit for H. S. Graduation. It allows students the flexibility to:

- Make room in their school schedule for other courses.
- Take courses not available at their school.
- Accommodate elite sports schedules.
- Meet early graduation requirements
- Continue their education while managing health issues.
- Meet scholarship guidelines

Districts Offering Online Learning

Students are not required to take online courses. Most school districts have been offering online learning options for their students, however, In 2011, SB65 was signed into law, which made it mandatory for all districts in the state of Utah to offer online learning for students in grades 9-12.

All of the Online Learning Options are not the same. It is important for students and parents/guardians to research all options fully and choose based upon student's learning needs.

Consider the following:

- How do you want online to fit in your life?
- When do you plan to do your coursework?
- Do you want to take a class in addition to your full schedule, or are you replacing a class period and leaving campus to go do it?
- Is this for original credit, credit recovery, or accelerated credit?
- Do you need a teacher in the room, or can you work independently and finish work on schedule?
- Do you have the technology and connectivity at home?
- How are your computer skills?
- Do parents/guardians understand they are the learning coach, and expected to monitor activity and grades, respond to emails and assist with successful completion?

Eligibility to Take an Online Course

All 9-12 grade students enrolled in a public or private school, and have a custodial parent/guardian who is a resident of Utah are eligible to take an online course.

Types of Online Options

District Programs (UTSC)

- Offered by the school district and not listed on Statewide Online Learning Provider's list
- Does not require CCA (Course Credit Acknowledgement Form)
- WPU funds stay with student's school of Enrollment
- For Original Credit or Credit Recovery
- Can take 2 credits in addition to or in place of regular school schedule
- Constrained by quarters, see website for dates
- Courses require a final proctored exam
- Instructors are licensed Utah Educators from Cache, Davis, Jordan, Murray, Nebo, and Park City School Districts
- NCAA Approved
- Register with your school counselor
- Available to students in Cache, Davis, Jordan, Murray, and Park City School Districts

Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP)

- Created by SB 65
- Requires a CCA
- Removes WPU funds from student's school of enrollment
- Student must drop number of registered credits with provider from school schedule and leave campus for those periods.
- Contact each individual Provider for information about their courses
 - [SOEP Provider's List](#)

Additional Online Options

Contact each individual district online representative for information regarding any other Third party providers that are not listed with any of the options above. Each school district has enrollment policies which must be met.

[District Contact List](#)

Full-time Online Enrollment

Currently the participating districts do not have a full-time Online High School. Some Statewide Providers offer a full-time schedule, however the following apply:

1. Students must meet the individual School Districts registration requirements.
2. Once accepted, student is no longer enrolled in a District school.
3. Students may have to travel to their online school's location to take end of year exams.

A student wishing to attend an online high school full-time may find some options in the Statewide Online Education Program's Website.

[SOEP's Website](#)

Taking more Online Credits than Allowed through SOEP

Talk with your counselor if you are interested in taking more than a regular school day's schedule with an Online Provider from the SOEP. This option may be possible if it is found to be in the best interest of the student and requires a change in the students CCR/SEOP.



Online Options in Davis School District for Grades K-12

Davis Online Courses for Students in 9-12 Grade

In response to the creation of the Statewide Online Education Program, several school districts created a consortium in order to pool the online learning resources they had been offering as early as 2003. This consortium is called [Utah Students Connect \(UTSC\)](#) and currently consists of Cache, Davis, Jordan, Murray, Nebo, and Park City School Districts.



UTSC Enrollment Requirements

USC provides online courses for 9-12 students in the participating school districts listed above with the following requirements:

- If a student is enrolled in a Davis County School, students may register for up to 6 online courses with UTSC.
- If a student is enrolled in classes with anyone other than UTSC or the SOEP, they cannot be enrolled in a Davis County School.
- Students who are not enrolled in a Davis County School, are not eligible to enroll with UTSC.

Online courses with UTSC can be taken above the students' regular day school schedule, however it is never recommended for students to take more than 2 credits above their schedule. You will want to plan with your school counselor, a schedule that will be in the best interest of the student.

Registering with UTSC

To register for an online course, meet with your school counselor. They will discuss with you the options you have for online learning. If you decide that Utah Students Connect is right for you, they will register you for a UTSC online course. Courses are free to the student during the school year, and cost \$50 per quarter credit during the summer, and for each quarter credit of credit recovery the student takes.

A final proctored test will be issued at the end of each quarter for each course. Final testing will be held at the students school, or at the district testing center.

[Final Proctored Final Information](#)

Davis Online Courses for Students in Grades 7-8

Davis Connect 7-8

Davis Connect is provided for students in 7th and 8th grades to take 4 core classes online (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies) as well as other courses at their boundary school. Students will register at their boundary school for any courses they would like to take at that location, then enroll in Davis Connect courses.

This program will require:

1. Students to complete work at 70% mastery and assessments at 80% mastery.
2. Parental involvement
3. Working computer with sound
4. Internet access
5. Enrollment at your Junior High Boundary School
6. Training session before enrollment

If you are interested in 7th-8th grade online courses for your student, complete the [Davis Online 7-8 Interest Form](#) and email to Sarah Ruiz, Davis Connect 7-8 Programs Mentor, at sruiz@dsdmail.net. Submitting this form will NOT enroll your student in any program. However, it will help us contact you with more information.

DSD Online Courses for Students in Grades K-6

Davis Connect, Davis School District's online K-6 school, offers full-time or part-time enrollment options. We provide a strong, research-based, interactive and supportive curriculum.

To enroll, please contact Rebecca Reeder.

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Davis School District Online Website

<https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/academics/online-learning>

Davis Connect 7-8 Website

<https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/academics/online-learning/7-8-davis-connect>

Utah Students Connect Website

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