

K-5 Online Learning 2021-2022

School Board Special Meeting - August 19, 2021



Why Online Learning?

Families have expressed the desire for an option for online learning:

- **Safety:** concerns about spread of COVID-19, specifically Delta variant
- **Consistency:** concerns about shifting learning models due to pandemic
- **Stability:** desire for stable learning environment

Minnesota Department of Education encouraged districts to apply for a provisional license to offer online learning this year

- We've been approved for both Semesters 1 and 2

What Are Our Neighbors Doing?

Forest Lake Area Schools:

PreK-6 online for district residents only

Mahtomedi Public Schools: In-person only

North St. Paul - Maplewood-Oakdale Schools:

K-12 online accepting open enrollment

South Washington County Schools:

K-6 online for district residents only



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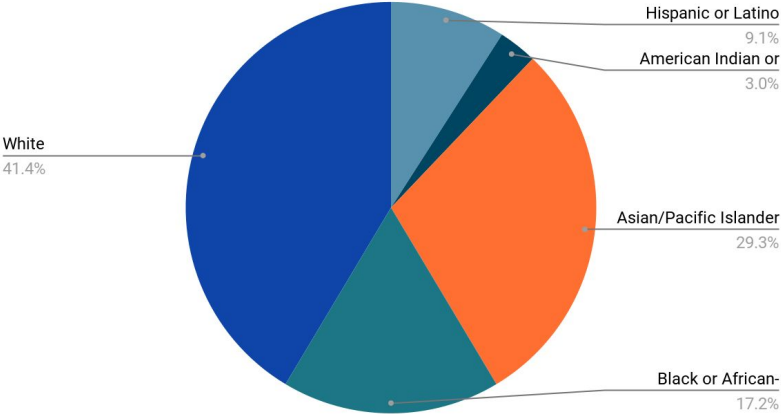
Stillwater's Online Learning Grades K-5

- Designed for students not yet eligible for vaccination
- **Registered students = 139**
- One class per grade level
- Classes will include students and teachers from across district

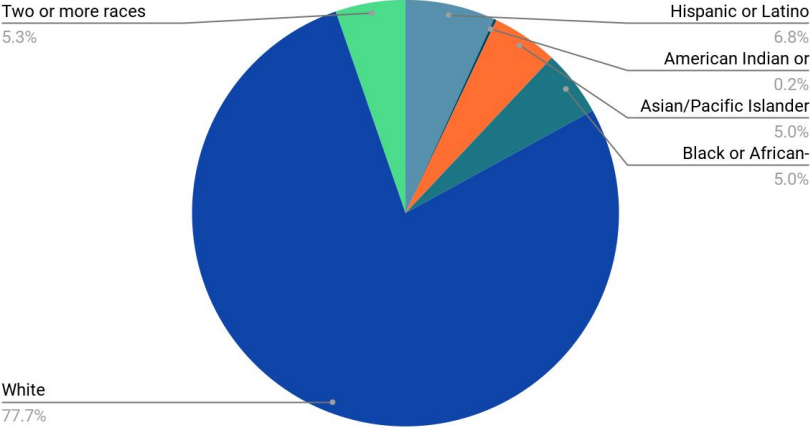


Race and Ethnicity

Online Learning K-5 Students



District-Wide



Special Populations

	Online	District-wide
English Learners	15%	2.8%
Free/Reduced Lunch	23%	12.9%
Special Education	17%	15.9%

Online Learning Staffing Needs

Funding request for semester 1 only

Position(s)	Estimated FTE	Estimated Cost
Elementary Teachers	4 FTE <i>(semester 1)</i>	\$250,000

Funding Source

- Reduced 2 sections to reallocate towards online learning
- COVID-19 Relief:
 - ESSER II
 - CARES III

In Their Words ...

“The proposed K-5 Online Learning Program would offer a safe option for our children and families, lessen the strain on the in-person learning system, and keep the school district prepared with capacity to respond to additional surges that are very likely to occur as fall and winter shift our community interactions indoors.”

-Parent email

Dear school Board,

Please can I have online school?

Because that's the way

I feel safe. It's like if you really wanted to meet new friends!

Sincerely,

Questions