



Online Learning

2021 and Beyond

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Agenda Topics

Online Learning 2021 and Beyond

- Provide information on this year's provisional approval to provide online learning
- Give an update on the progress toward becoming an approved online provider





2021-22 School Year

- Provisionally approved online provider serving students in grade levels K-6, 9-12
- Approximately 770 high school students enrolled in at least one course
- Serving approximately 350 K-6 VLA students
- Currently offering 12 courses at the high school level
- SoWashCo Online Team Advisory (SOTA) Group meetings
- Planning professional development for teachers beginning this spring



SoWashCo Online Mission

SoWashCo Online will empower students to lead their own learning by choosing the path, pace and place in which they learn through a standards-aligned, flexible and personalized learning experience. We embrace and nurture diverse perspectives, creativity and innovation within and beyond the community. We will provide a supportive environment that is designed to meet individual needs by cultivating strong connections with teachers, staff and students.



Foundations of SoWashCo Online

- **National Standards for Quality Online Learning**
 - Provide a framework for schools, districts, state agencies, statewide online programs and other interested educational organizations to improve online and blended learning programs.
- **Quality Matters Framework and Rubrics**
 - Global organization leading quality assurance in online and innovative digital teaching and learning environments.

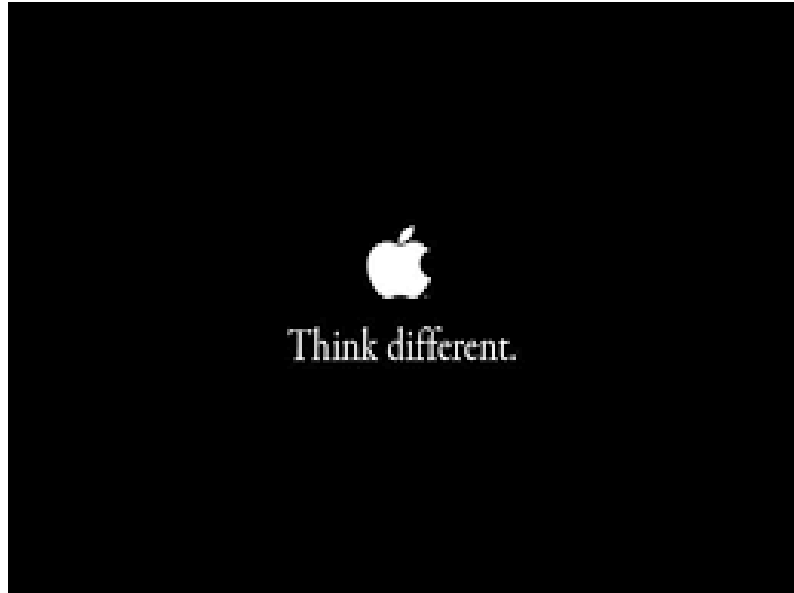




2022–23 School Year

- State-approved K-12 supplemental *and* comprehensive online learning provider
- Offering a full course load (required and certain electives) to high school students
- Student registration opens January 2022
- Advisory team
- Continued professional development

Why we need to “Think Different” (Thanks, Apple!)



- 383 provisional online providers in Minnesota for 2021
- If all are approved, there will be approximately 600 online providers in MN
- Considerations for program development

Looking Ahead to the 2022-23 School Year

- Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) application process update
 - Creation of Program Development team
- Courses and staffing
- Development and support



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Thanks!

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