Online Learning Policy
and Practice Survey:
A Survey of the States

In 2008, the Center for Digital Education conducted a review of state policy and programs to determine the status of online learning policy and practice across the United States. This report is underwritten by Blackboard and Pearson Education and produced with the advice and consultation of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL).

The Center for Digital Education (CDE) interviewed state education officials across the nation to evaluate the overall landscape of online learning. The rankings reflect the vision, policies, programs and strategies that states have deployed around online learning in an effort to transform their academic environment to meet the needs of students. Certain characteristics deemed to have a greater impact on statewide leadership and education (such as states with state-led online programs and/or significant policy directives) played a more significant role in the rankings than others.

The national rankings are as follows:

State	State
1. Florida	26. Georgia
2. Michigan	27. Alaska
3. Idaho	28. Washington
4. Arkansas	29. Wyoming
5. Louisiana	30. Oregon
6. New Mexico	31. North Dakota
7. West Virginia	32. Mississippi
8. North Carolina	33. Utah
9. Minnesota	34. Pennsylvania
10. Hawaii	35. Indiana
11. Ohio	36. New Hampshire
12. Virginia	37. Wisconsin
13. Illinois	38. Arizona
14. Colorado	39. Montana
15. Oklahoma	40. Texas
16. South Dakota	41. Vermont
17. South Carolina	42. Rhode Island
18. Missouri	43. New Jersey
19. Kentucky	44. Delaware
20. Iowa	45. Tennessee
21. Massachusetts	46. Nebraska
22. Kansas	47. New York
23. Alabama	48. Connecticut
24. Maryland	49. California
25. Nevada	50. Maine

CRITERIA FOR RANKINGS

For simplicity, CDE used the NACOL definition of **state-led online programs**:

State-led online programs *are created by legislation or by a state-level agency, and/or administered by a state education agency, and/or directly funded by a state appropriation or grant for the purpose of providing online learning opportunities across the state.* [1]

In addition, CDE defines **statewide** to mean the accessibility of online programs to students through-out the entire state. Such a program could be offered through numerous school districts and charter schools.

NATIONAL ANALYSIS

Figure 1 indicates the findings of our research after interviews with officials from state departments of education. Fifteen states offer a state-led program; 16 offer online learning statewide; and 17 states have no program currently in place. Two states are in the planning stages.
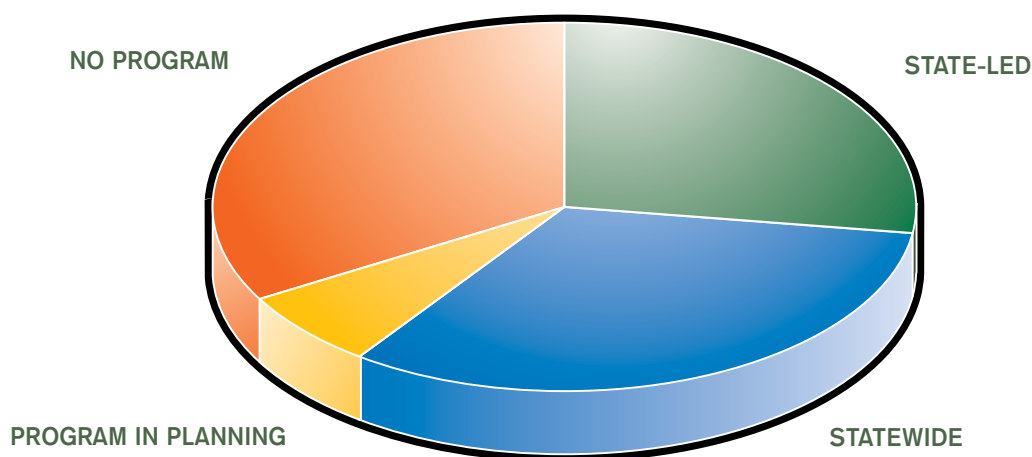

Figure 1. Online Program Offerings

Our research shows states have different approaches to the types of programs offered. Outside of state-led programs, multi-district online schools are becoming increasingly popular.

Texas' Electronic Course Pilot (eCP) is a prime example of this. Due to the sheer size of the state, the development of a state-led program will take a significant amount of time. The solution is the creation of a statewide offering that enables students to take a variety of online classes through one of the many districts providing courses that meet graduation requirements. The goal of this multi-district approach is to establish a foundation the state can build upon when consolidating the eCP efforts for a state-led approach.

FUNDING

Notably, 11 states fund and support district-run online programs. For example, in Virginia and Texas, cyber-charter schools are funded by the state, but at a lower rate per student than traditional brick-and-mortar schools. In Oregon, the state funds 90 percent of the programs. Students can enroll full-time in online programs as long as their home district retains at least 50 percent of its student population in the face-to-face setting. Nine states reported funding district-run online programs within specific geographic boundaries. In California, a student can enroll in an online school that is headquartered in their county or an adjacent county. Unfortunately, this leaves some students geographically unable to attend because neither their county nor neighboring county offers an online program.
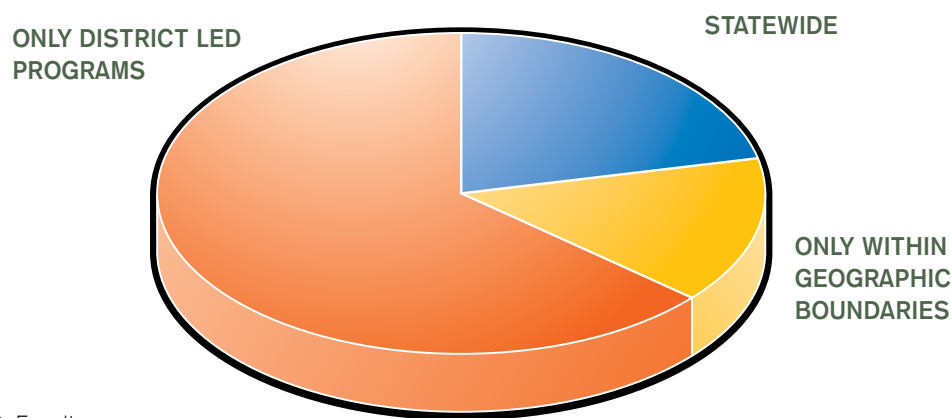

Figure 2. Funding

Within the states that have a state-led program, the Center found the online programs were typically funded through a combination of legislative appropriations from the state and membership or course fees.

Of the states with a combined format for funding, Georgia operates a model that best fits the mold. Students taking online courses during the traditional school day are not charged a fee. If students wish to take courses to "catch up" or to "get ahead," they can take additional courses for a fee, creating a dual funding environment for the program.

Within the states that do not have a state-led program, the funding mechanisms vary. Typically, each school district uses general fund dollars to subsidize the program and the infrastructure. Districts also utilize their full-time equivalent dollars to fund online programs.

New Mexico pays for the infrastructure for the statewide virtual school and leaves it at the school districts' discretion to use the statewide virtual school or a district-run virtual school. The virtual school is designed to assist New Mexico school districts rather than provide a district alternative.

The Nebraska Department of Education funds and allows for distance learning programs on the district level , but there is not a statewide virtual school program. Funding includes distance education equipment reimbursements for hardware and software and monetary incentives per distant education unit provided.

The Office of Educational and Information Technology with the New Jersey Department of Education does not provide a statewide virtual school or online program. The decision falls to the school districts, which can then support their programs through general fund dollars.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED

It is no surprise that states with the most students have the highest access to online learning. Florida and California have a large number of school districts and are serving a large number of students. Florida generates large numbers because of its focus on technology in education. Roughly 57,000

students account for more than 250,000 course registrations. According to NACOL, this makes the Florida Virtual School nearly 10 times larger than any other state-led program. California provides online opportunities to approximately 33,000 students without the presence of a state-led initiative. Regardless of the method employed to reach students online, the goal of educators nationwide is to increase enrollments and keep up with the advancements in technology.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Eight states experienced an enrollment growth rate of more than 50 percent in the 2007-08 school year. The North Carolina Virtual Public School, which launched its operation last summer, had an initial enrollment of 4,000 students and now serves more than 5,000 students. Eight states listed a growth rate between 25-50 percent; 13 states indicated growth rates between 0-25 percent; and two states had no growth over the last year. Within the top five states, enrollment has increased during the 2007-08 school year, and it appears that this trend will continue. The state of Arkansas' demand for enrollment exceeds the supply of resources to accommodate all students.
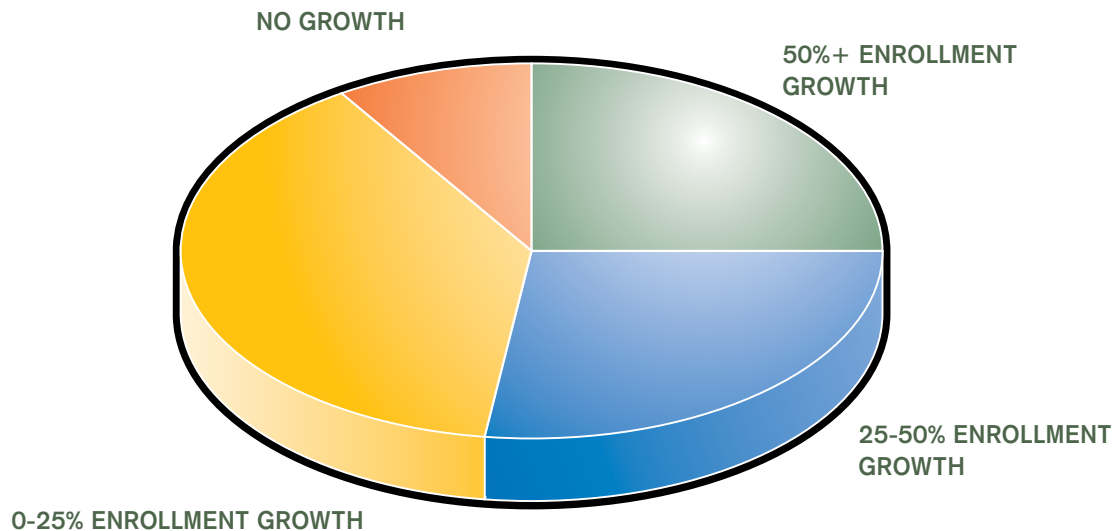
Figure 3. 2007-08 Enrollment Growth

COURSE OFFERING

Predominately, online education is offered four quarters per year to students. Twenty-one states offer online education each of the four quarters. Nine states offer online education three quarters per academic year and one state offers online instruction only one quarter per year. Our research and interviews found that while the majority of respondents said online course instruction was offered year-round, summer sessions were light on course offerings.

K-20 VENTURES

The area of online learning that receives the most attention is joint higher education ventures, or K-20 initiatives. Of the 50 respondents, 21 states reported that K-12 students are able to take college courses as part of a joint venture with community colleges, universities or special collaborative programs.

FIGURE 4. COURSE OFFERINGS
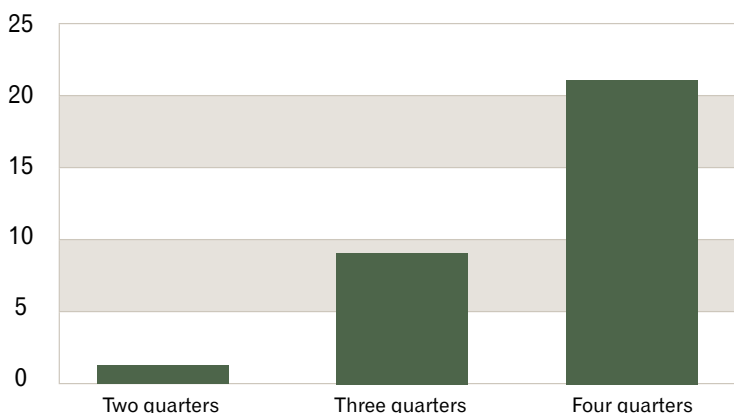
Funding for these programs varies. In the majority of cases, the courses are provided for a fee to the student. In Ohio, sophomore, junior and senior students may enroll in a program at no cost. Ohio also recently introduced House Bill 562, which contains legislation surrounding the implementation of a joint K-20 initiative with its state universities.

States are also joining existing K-20 partnerships. In Hawaii and Washington, Running Start, a nationwide joint K-20 initiative, allows academically qualified high school juniors and seniors to enroll in the state university system, enabling students to earn high school and college credit.

Another trend is for districts to offer dual-enrollment or blended programs to high school students. Numerous high schools have created agreements with local universities and community colleges permitting students to take advanced placement courses or earn college credit. In Texas, there is no statewide joint K-20 initiative; however, individual districts have the option of developing partnerships locally.

New Mexico's K-20 Initiative enables the state's public schools, colleges and universities to collaboratively develop and offer online courses and academic tutoring. This innovative approach represents significant leadership toward technology and online education. Through this program, New Mexico will increase academic opportunities for K-20 students and streamline professional development for teachers.

Of the states where there were no statewide K-20 online initiatives, only one, Illinois, made mention of working on a joint venture in the future. As the state begins to expand its university- level course offerings, it will begin to seek a partnership.

LICENSURE RECIPROCITY

Teacher reciprocity is found in some form within 37 of the 50 states. This reciprocity mostly requires that teachers take the correct steps to procure a license for the state where they wish to teach. In a few cases, teachers are expected to complete supplementary online learning courses to obtain licensure. In Kentucky, teachers have reciprocity by law but must obtain a Kentucky teaching license as well as complete professional development training online to become teachers of online courses.

North Dakota is among the first states to pay special attention to online learning in its legislation. In 2007, House Bill 1491 put forth that teachers seeking to work in an online environment must request to do so annually; meet or exceed the licensure requirement of the courses; and maintain constant contact with their students. This addition to the distance education programs will take effect July 1, 2009.

In the most established online environments, reciprocity is easily attainable. Teachers from out of state can seamlessly transition into other states' programs. In states such as Florida and New Mexico, reciprocity exists with all states, and teachers may teach in state with their out-of-state license provided they follow the necessary steps outlined by the states to ensure they meet all of the requirements for online teaching.

NO ONLINE PROGRAMS

Fifteen states do not have a statewide online school nor do they have plans under way to create one. Two states, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, are in the planning stages to create a statewide online program. The Pennsylvania Bureau of Education and Technology passed House Bill 1067, which included legislation to create a virtual school study commission to research the feasibility of a state-led virtual school.

Tennessee does not fund or allow full-time online programs or cyber-charter schools. However, the state has implemented a beta test program called e4TN, which is an organization that was created in 2005 by a grant to the Hamilton County Department of Education. The primary goal of the beta program is to develop interactive online courses and create an experienced educator workforce across the state. The results of the e4TN beta tests could alter the status of online education in the state along with statewide virtual schools.

Planning Stages	No Programs or Plans
Tennessee	California
Pennsylvania	Connecticut
	Delaware
	Kansas
	Maine
	Minnesota
	Montana
	Nebraska
	Nevada
	New York
	Ohio
	Rhode Island
	Vermont
	Washington
	West Virginia

Figure 5. States Without State-led Programs

IS ONLINE LEARNING IN YOUR STRATEGY FOR SCHOOL REFORM?

Figure 6 shows that 37 states indicated online learning is in their strategy for school reform. Online programs are used to enhance the curriculum offered to students, increase student access and to address teacher shortages or overcrowded classrooms. In states such as Kansas and Kentucky, online learning

is used to reduce the time and money school districts spend on travel due to the large amount of rural schools within the state.

Online programs have a major impact in rural areas. In the past, it has been difficult for districts to find qualified teachers for specific subjects. Online courses have made it possible for rural districts to find qualified teachers, allowing students to take courses they may otherwise not be able to access.

Iowa and Idaho are using online education to improve the educational opportunities offered to their students and staff. Online programs are helping school districts and states address teacher shortages and scheduling problems while providing students with more diverse curriculums.

Thirteen states responded that their online program was not part of their reform strategy. However, online learning is a topic in strategic meetings and discussions.
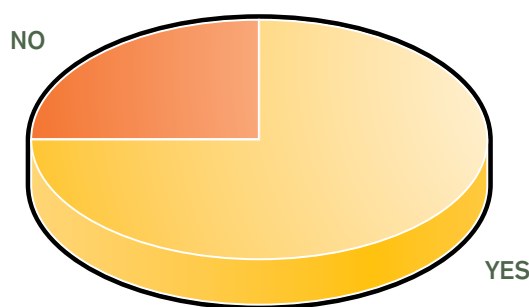
Figure 6. Reform Strategy

CONCLUSIONS

CDE has observed that states and school districts are increasingly aware that students are spending more time online than ever before. In response to this phenomenon, states are pursuing online education initiatives to better serve their student population and meet the academic demands of Millennial students inside and outside of rural areas.

Fifteen states have taken significant steps in online education and have implemented state-led programs. Overall, CDE has observed the states are mainly serving their students through district online schools. School districts continue to have the conundrum of maintaining high levels of academic achievement with budget cuts and decreased funding. Online education enables districts to draw from a larger teacher talent pool and serve students who are geographically dispersed.

States without online learning programs appear conscious of the trend and are evaluating the feasibility of implementing such programs.

CDE concludes online education will become ubiquitous in the United States as states and school districts continue to face the challenges of meeting student achievement levels, finding qualified teachers and preparing students for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

ENDNOTES

[1] NACOL, *Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning: A review of state-level policy and practice*, November 2007, 13

APPENDIX — STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS

ALABAMA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	18,955
Enrollment growth	More than 50%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

ALASKA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	3,682
Enrollment growth	0-25%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

ARIZONA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	15,000
Enrollment growth	0-25%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	3,000
Enrollment growth	25-50%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	Yes
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

CALIFORNIA

Offering

Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	749 (largest district)
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding

Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access

Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform

Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives

Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development

Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	Yes

Reciprocity

Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies

Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

COLORADO

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	1,931
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	Yes
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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CONNECTICUT

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	500
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

Offering

Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding

Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access

Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform

Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives

Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development

Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity

Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies

Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

FLORIDA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	210,000
Enrollment growth	35%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	Yes
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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GEORGIA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	9,404
Enrollment growth	More than 50%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

HAWAII

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	1,500
Enrollment growth	20%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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IDAHO

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	6,619
Enrollment growth	80%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

ILLINOIS

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	4,031
Enrollment growth	10-15%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

INDIANA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	1,081
Enrollment growth	30%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

IOWA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	567
Enrollment growth	20%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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KANSAS

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	2,214
Enrollment growth	30%
Quarters	3

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

LOUISIANA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	5,870
Enrollment growth	15-20%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	Yes

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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MAINE

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	250 (AP online programs)
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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MARYLAND

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	927
Enrollment growth	No growth
Quarters	3
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

MASSACHUSETTS

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	10,112 (nonprofit VHS*)
Enrollment growth	More than 50%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

*VHS: virtual high school

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MICHIGAN

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	11,000
Enrollment growth	25%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	Yes
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	Yes

MINNESOTA

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	80
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	Yes
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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MISSISSIPPI

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	2,100
Enrollment growth	42%
Quarters	3

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

MISSOURI

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	10,500
Enrollment growth	20-30%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	Yes
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

MONTANA

Offering

Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	480
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding

Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access

Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform

Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives

Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development

Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity

Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies

Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

NEBRASKA

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	3,500 (largest district)
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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NEVADA

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	3,500 (largest district)
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	More than 50%
Quarters	4

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

NEW JERSEY

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

NEW MEXICO

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	349
Enrollment growth	Program just started
Quarters	2

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	Yes

NEW YORK

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

NORTH CAROLINA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	19,233
Enrollment growth	Program just started
Quarters	3
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

NORTH DAKOTA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	1,808
Enrollment growth	2%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

OHIO

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	20,070 (charter schools)
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

OKLAHOMA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	2,800
Enrollment growth	20-25%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

OREGON

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	8,000
Enrollment growth	20%
Quarters	3

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	Yes

PENNSYLVANIA

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	21,000 (charter schools)
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

RHODE ISLAND

Offering	
Program type	No prgram in place
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	No

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	7,389
Enrollment growth	350%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	No
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

SOUTH DAKOTA

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	222
Enrollment growth	25-30%
Quarters	3
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	Yes
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

TENNESSEE

Offering

Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	2,791
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding

Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access

Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform

Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives

Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development

Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity

Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies

Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

TEXAS

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	Not provided
Enrollment growth	0-25%
Quarters	3

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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UTAH

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	7,500
Enrollment growth	6%
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

VERMONT

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	250
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

VIRGINIA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	6,118
Enrollment growth	30%
Quarters	3
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	No
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	Yes
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No
Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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WASHINGTON

Offering	
Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	14,266
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes

K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes

Online teaching and professional development	
Does the state support or fund professional development to train teachers to teach online?	No
Does the state offer a teacher endorsement, licensure or certificate program for online teaching?	No

Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes

Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	Yes
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

WEST VIRGINIA

Offering	
Program type	State-led
Enrollment	1,705
Enrollment growth	0-25%
Quarters	3
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
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K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	Yes
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Policies	
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Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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WISCONSIN

Offering	
Program type	Statewide
Enrollment	1,704
Enrollment growth	No growth
Quarters	4
Funding	
Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	Yes
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No
Policies to promote online student access	
Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes
Reform	
Is online learning part of the state's strategy for school reform?	Yes
K-20 initiatives	
Does the state offer a K-20 initiative?	No
Online teaching and professional development	
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Reciprocity	
Does the state offer teacher reciprocity?	Yes
Policies	
Is there a law ensuring that online courses cannot be denied to students where academically appropriate?	No
Does the state have an online education requirement for graduation?	No

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WYOMING

Offering

Program type	No program in place
Enrollment	250
Enrollment growth	Not provided
Quarters	N/A

Funding

Does the state fund and allow full-time online programs/charter schools?	No
Does the state provide funding and support for district-run online schools?	No

Policies to promote online student access

Does state policy and funding allow for all students to have access to online learning opportunities?	Yes

Reform

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North American Council for Online Learning

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