

Frequently Asked Questions

Online & Virtual Learning

Can a public school student in one district enroll in one of the Kentucky public online providers hosted by another district?

Yes. If a reciprocal agreement between both school districts exists, the student could enroll with little to no out of pocket costs. If there is no reciprocal agreement in place between the school districts then a parent can enroll a student and pay (out of pocket) for courses. Contact the [three providers](#) to see which one is the right fit.

How does online and virtual (course) learning fit in with Homeschooling as it pertains to Kentucky Public Schools?

Pursuant to KRS 159.030, families are required to report their desire to homeschool their children to the local school district of residence. Generally, there is a form to complete at the local school district board of education. If the homeschool programming is going to use online curriculum and/or course content it is generally encouraged to be identified at that time. Visit the [Homeschool page](#) of the KDE website for more information.

Many Kentucky districts are now offering some form of online/virtual courses those considering homeschool are taking advantage of for multiple reasons. Contact your children's school district of residence to inquire about this option.

What about online private schools? And are they considered accredited in Kentucky?

Your Kentucky-based family might have been told that your school was not considered "certified" rather than not "accredited". "Certified" is a very specific term used by the Kentucky Department of Education since 1993 to indicate that a bricks-and-mortar non-public school has voluntarily submitted to accreditation by one of ten previously-vetted and approved processes, and has applied that accreditation toward a formal request for certification by the state Board of Education. Certified non-public schools allow their students access to KEES scholarships, KHSAA-sanctioned athletics, state licensure of new teachers through the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program, and other direct benefits. Kentucky's private school accreditation is handled through the [Kentucky Non-Public School Commission](#).

