



Electronic Course Delivery Clarification

North Dakota state law outlines the requirements for vendor approval for the delivery of electronic courses to North Dakota students. It is important for districts to differentiate between an online curriculum versus an online course provider.

<p>Scenario: Student coursework is available or provided as a supplement through an out-of-state electronic curriculum provider. All decisions in regard to grading student work and granting credit are determined by a North Dakota highly qualified teacher.</p>	<p>Scenario: Student is receiving instruction from an out-of-state electronic course delivery provider and all decisions pertaining to student grades and granting credit is determined by the out-of-state provider.</p>
<p>Online Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Determined locally at the school/district <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for services provides access to curriculum only <input type="checkbox"/> Used as a supplement to other materials and resources for a course <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions regarding student work, grading, and issuance of credit are determined by the teacher of record at the school/district 	<p>Online Course Provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for services provides access to curriculum as well as instructional support for students <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions regarding student work, grading, and issuance of credit are determined by the online provider's teacher of record <input type="checkbox"/> Services are provided through the list of <u>North Dakota approved online providers</u>

Currently, five (5) out-of-state electronic course delivery providers have been approved by NDDPI. Each provider has demonstrated adequate teacher qualifications and illustrates alignment of their courses with the North Dakota course codes. Schools providing online courses through these approved providers must have an [application](#) on file with NDDPI.

If a school is using an out-of-state electronic course delivery provider other than those approved, *and student grades are being determined by the provider*, please contact the NDDPI or visit the website for [application materials](#).

The [North Dakota Center for Distance Education](#) is also qualified to provide online instruction to North Dakota students, but is not classified as an out-of-state electronic course delivery provider. As a state-regulated entity, the NDCDE's courses align to the North Dakota course codes and all teachers are highly qualified in North Dakota.

As districts work to provide services to students and meet the demands of our ever-changing educational landscape, it is important for districts to understand the difference between securing access to an online curriculum versus securing access to an electronic course through an out-of-state provider.

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