

Statewide Public Education Online Program (SPEOP)

New legislation this year affords eligible students in ninth through twelfth grade with the option to take up to two high school credits a year of online education as part of their regular schedule (not recovery or make-up credit). Online courses combined with regular classes may not exceed the number of courses taken during a regular school day.

These courses are at no cost to the student and are funded by withholding state funding from your school. Courses may charge class fees that are the responsibility of the student. Fee waivers are available to eligible students.

Parents assume the responsibility for students during the release time from the school day. To begin this process a Course Credit Acknowledgement (CCA) form must be prepared by the school counselor and submitted to the Utah State Office of Education. This form, eligibility requirements, courses, and a description of the application process can be accessed online at:

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/edonline/>

The purposes of Statewide Public Education Online program are to:

- Provide students with access to online learning regardless of where students attend school.
- Provide high quality learning options for students regardless of language, residence, family income, or special needs.
- Provide online learning options to allow students to acquire the knowledge and technology skills necessary in a digital world.
- Utilize the power and scalability of technology to customize education so that students may learn in their own style preference and at their own pace.
- Utilize technology to remove the constraints of traditional classroom learning, allowing students to access learning virtually at any time and in any place and give students the flexibility to take advantage of their peak learning time.
- Provide personalized learning where students can spend as little or as much time as they need to master the material.
- Provide greater access to self-paced programs enabling high-achieving students to accelerate academically, while struggling students may have additional time and help to gain competency.
- Allow students to customize their schedule to better meet their academic goals.
- Provide learning options to better prepare students for post-secondary education and vocational or career opportunities.
- Allow students to have an individualized educational experience.