West Virginia

Most of the online education activity in West Virginia is through the West Virginia Virtual School (WVVS), the state virtual school that serves students in grades 6-12. Created by statute in 2000, WVVS began enrolling students in the spring of 2002. WVVS is housed within the West Virginia Department of Education and is governed by statute and State Board Policy 2450. It offers approximately 270 courses. Third-party providers supply all courses, or work with WVVS to develop the courses. The WVVS budget, $650,000 for the 2010-11 school year, pays for online courses on a first-come, first-served basis; after that, students may take courses if the course fee is paid by their local school or, in some cases, by their parents. Fees range from $150 to $850 per credit depending on the course provider. WVVS had 3,177 half credit enrollments in 2010-11, an increase of 7% from the previous year. A pilot program for credit recovery courses called onTargetWV, part of WVVS, reported 331 course enrollments in fall 2010. There are no other major online programs or initiatives in West Virginia, although some districts such as Kanawha County and Harrison County have online programs. West Virginia does not have a charter school law.

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342 The increase is based on a revised number of enrollments from school year 2009-10 that is slightly different than the number reported in Keeping Pace 2010
In April 2011, the State Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution\(^{343}\) for the Digital Learning Now! Ten Elements of High-Quality Digital Learning.\(^{344}\) SB516, which would have put many of the Digital Learning Now elements into law, did not pass.

In summer 2008, State Board Policy 2510 was amended to recommend that beginning with students entering 9\(^{th}\) grade in the 2008-09 school year, students must complete an online learning experience as part of graduation requirements.\(^{345}\) The Office of Instructional Technology in the Department of Education has developed guidance for districts and counties for the online learning experience recommendation.\(^{346}\) The guidance lists acceptable options including online courses from the WVVS and blended courses from the WVLearns elearning platform, among others.

The West Virginia Department of Education launched Learn21\(^{347}\) in December 2010 as a way to allow K-12 students to continue to learn when classes are cancelled, and to supplement what students learn in class.

Wisconsin

### STATE SNAPSHOT 2011

- **State virtual school**
  - Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) served 3,381 course enrollments.

- **Full-time options**
  - 14 charters enrolled 4,328 students in 2010-11;
  - 13 additional programs opening in 2011-12.

- **Consortium**
  - The Wisconsin eSchool Network is a consortium of 11 districts that served 4,943 course enrollments in SY 2010-11.

- **Policy**
  - AB40 (2011) removes the cap on virtual charter enrollments.

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\(^{343}\) West Virginia State Board of Education April 13, 2011 meeting minutes; retrieved July 5, 2011, http://wvde.state.wv.us/boe-minutes/


\(^{345}\) Title 126, Legislative Rule, State Board of Education, Series 42, Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Education Programs (2510), page 19; retrieved October 3, 2011, http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p2510.pdf


\(^{347}\) Learn21; retrieved July 5, 2011, http://wvde.state.wv.us/learn21/