



Approved Online Course Provider

Proximity

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OSPI Approval

Approved as an Online Course Provider through the 2024-25 school year.

Student Performance and Demographics

Data for school year: 2018-2019

Teacher-to-student ratio: 1:75

Course completion rate: 88%

Course pass rate: 69%

Access

Individual Online Course Purchasing Instructions:

Individual courses from Proximity are available for schools to purchase in the ALD course catalog.

Overview

Instructional Services – Proximity Learning, Inc.

Proximity Learning's mission statement: students first. Proximity Learning was created out of the belief that all students deserve educational equity through access to the best teachers. Proximity takes seriously their goals of ensuring that students can access a master teacher to guide them on their journey.

Begun in 2009, Evan Erdberg, the company's Founder and President, sought to improve educational equity. He observed that there were 15 million teachers who were not working in classrooms at that time, and many students who needed teachers. Mr. Erdberg created Proximity to solve this dilemma. Proximity Learning pioneered the use of web conferencing technology to stream certified teachers into a classroom when a teacher could not be found locally. Students could see, learn, and interact with a teacher "live" in their classrooms.

Fast forward to 2020, the technology has changed, but the concept has not. Proximity has over 100 teachers on its roster, 10 of whom are certified to teach in the state of Washington currently. The virtual teacher delivers instruction, attended parent-teacher conference nights, and participates in district professional development. This service can provide teachers who specialize in certain subject areas.

All teachers have a minimum of an undergraduate degree in education, or an undergraduate degree in the subject, and at least 5 years of teaching experience – a combination of classroom and online teaching. Many teachers hold advanced

degrees. They must prove themselves to be a dynamic, creative educator, especially for delivering online instruction. They also have gone through an extensive interview and vetting process plus background checks.

Courseware Provider – eDynamic Learning

For over a decade, eDynamic Learning has produced and delivered elective courses in online environments for middle and high school students. The company's mandate is to help students to make post-secondary and career decisions by providing elective courses, many of which are not traditionally offered by current education systems. eDynamic Learning's courses ensure that students leave middle and high school with a firm understanding of their career interests and their aptitudes.

eDynamic Learning courses meet curriculum needs in a variety of subject areas, particularly Career and Technical Education elective courses. The company's catalog includes subjects as varied as Agriculture, American Sign Language, Arts, Business, Health Science, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Information Technology, Science, and more. Note that eDynamic creates and provides online courses for schools and districts to host and to administer. By offering courses in a web-based environment, eDynamic Learning provides flexibility. School districts can deploy eDynamic Learning courses in traditional classrooms, blended learning environments, alternative settings, and wholly online classes. Students can access courses on their schedule, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A responsive course design means that eDynamic Learning's courses can be used on any device – smartphones, tablet, laptop, and desktop computer.

eDynamic Learning courses meet WACG 2.1 AA requirements, giving all students the ability to access course content.

eDynamic makes implementation hassle-free by delivering courses via LTI that districts can use import in their preferred learning management system. Importing course content into learning management system allows students and teachers to access the content in an environment with which they are comfortable. This option also provides easy integration in schools' SIS. If schools prefer, eDynamic Learning host the course content in Agilix Buzz, an off-the-shelf LMS (i.e., not a proprietary platform).

eDynamic Learning began when Kevin Viau, the company's founder who was a high school teacher, was frustrated by the lack of quality resources online career and elective courses available to middle and high schools. He decided to offer better options. Kevin knew he could create engaging online courses that would encourage students to take ownership over their education. Over the last ten years, eDynamic Learning has become North America's largest provider of high school career and elective courses.

eDynamic Learning serves a unique role in the middle school and high school blended and online learning environments, providing students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and to customize their own schooling experience. Each student can tailor their areas of study, engage socially and intellectually, and achieve academic excellence.

Course Offerings

Subjects:

- Arts
- Business
- Interdisciplinary
- Language Arts
- Lifeskills-Health
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology
- World Languages

Levels:

- Remedial

- Standard

Students

Courses are appropriate for a varied audience – students who attend school full-time and part-time, accelerated students, students-at-risk, and students with various learning needs. Note that courses are WCAG 2.1 AA compliant, allowing any student, including those who may have special visual, auditory, or cognitive needs, access to course content.

Student-Teacher Contact Requirements

A school offering an onsite teacher to work with a Proximity teacher, who is offsite, yields the best results for student. The onsite teacher handles much of the day-to-day interaction. Proximity can and does interact with students - answering questions, providing feedback on an assignment to assist learning. Proximity teachers are available to students asynchronously, usually via email. Teachers will respond within 24 hours of receiving student communication.

Courseware Platform

Proximity uses Agilix Buzz and Canvas to deliver instruction of eDynamic Learning courses.

ALE Support

Proximity handles support for teachers and instruction. Please visit <https://www.proxlearn.com/support> for more information.

eDynamic Learning handles tech and content support for its career and elective courses delivered by a Proximity teacher.

Please visit <http://support.edynamiclearning.com/support/home> to request assistance.