

# Approved Online Course Provider

## Pearson Virtual Schools

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Student information privacy policy: <https://sandbox-wa-approvals.ems.connexus.com/> - see PPRA, FERPA, and Privacy policies in lower right corner of login screen

### OSPI Approval

Approved as an Online Course Provider since 2019–20.

### Student Performance

Data for school year: 2023–24

Course completion rate: 97.71%

Course pass rate: 86.2%

### Overview

Pearson Virtual Schools is an accredited provider of high-quality, highly accountable virtual education solutions for students in grade K–12.

Pearson Virtual Schools has extensive experience in online learning over the last 15+ years. Among the schools being supported by Pearson Virtual Schools in the 2017–2018 school year are 35 online public schools operating in 29 states and serving more than 70,000 students. In addition, Pearson Virtual Schools has many partner programs with schools and districts in states across the U.S.

Connections Education was the first K-12 virtual school program to receive accreditation from the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA), now a part of AdvancED™. The program was first granted accreditation in 2005. In its most recent accreditation report in April 2015, AdvancED™ found that:

*"A culture and commitment focused on student learning permeates throughout the Connections Education organization."*

*"The corporation embodies a culture of collaboration that exists throughout all aspects of the corporation and schools."*

Pearson Virtual Schools is proud of the recognition of its focus on student learning and collaboration. The Pearson Virtual Schools curriculum, which is the same curriculum used in the



Connections Academy schools, has been recognized nationally for quality and innovation. A list of awards is provided on the website at: <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/results/awards>.

The program includes: 1) a rigorous, proven curriculum aligned to the Washington Academic Standards, 2) Washington-certified teachers, and 3) an educational management system designed specifically for a K-12 online learning environment to provide accountability through comprehensive data collection, analysis, and reporting. POBL offers an extensive range of courses to meet all student needs, with Advanced Placement (AP) and Gifted and Talented courses available for advanced students, and Foundations and Credit Recovery courses for students who need additional supports, and extensive electives including foreign language courses.

Pearson Virtual Schools employs highly qualified, Washington-certified teachers, who are specially trained in online delivery and personalized instruction. Teachers work remotely, delivering instruction to an online classroom of students and working one-on-one with students through highly interactive, online communication tools. Teachers will engage in regular one-on-one contact with each student in addition to facilitating online classes and discussions among students.

## Course Offerings

### Subjects:

- Arts
- Business
- English Language Arts
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology
- World Languages

### Levels:

- Advanced Placement
- Credit Recovery
- Honors
- Standard

## Student-Teacher Contact Requirements

Pearson Virtual Schools has a set of standard requirements for student-teacher contacts as part of the "core model" of expectations for students and school staff. These policies and expectations are provided to stakeholders in several ways, including in the Customer Handbook for Teaching Services in Connexus EMS.

Students are expected to have regular synchronous communications with their teachers. At a minimum, all students enrolled in Pearson Virtual Schools online courses in Washington will interact (e.g., via phone, chat, LiveLesson® session, or other approved communication channels) with either their Pearson Virtual Schools or regular school teacher at least every week. Responsibility for student progress monitoring and contacts is a shared responsibility between the Pearson Virtual Schools teachers and the partnering school/district teachers, ensuring that all students have regular weekly contact with a teacher to support their learning and academic success.