Proposed Changes to Online Approval Process: Request for Feedback

Overview

From October 1 to October 31, 2025, OSPI will collect feedback on the proposed changes to the online approval process. Changes will impact the application and approval process for all approval types, including single district, affiliate, multidistrict, and course provider. Possible impacts include changes to assurances or approval criteria.

OSPI will review feedback and make changes as appropriate. Once adopted, changes to the online approval process will be posted on the [Program/Provider Approval Application](#) webpage no later than January 1, 2026. Please review the proposed changes listed below and send feedback to learningoptions@k12.wa.us by October 31, 2025.

Proposed Changes:

- Applications for all approval types will be collected through a streamlined webform process.
- All LEAs will submit information through the streamlined webform process to indicate their online program needs. OSPI will partner with LEAs to determine the appropriate online program model.
- Course providers will participate in a third-party approval process.
- OSPI will conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select third-party reviewers to perform the approval process for course providers.
- It is the intention that course providers will cover the cost of their third-party approval.
- LEAs will be encouraged to use local educators that are employed by the district whenever possible. Districts that contract for instruction through course providers report this data.
- If you have already submitted an Intent to Apply for the 2025-26 review cycle, there will be a temporary approval process in place while proposed changes are being considered.

Thank you to the Online Learning Advisory Committee (OLAC) for their partnership and recommendations for changes to the online approval process.

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