

Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) Online Schools (OLS)

General Description:

The TxVSN Online Schools Program (OLS) is a component of the Texas Virtual School Network that provides full-time online learning options to public school students in grades 3 to 12 through approved public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools. Instruction provided through the TxVSN OLS is 100 percent virtual and students participating in the program are not required to be physically present on campus during instruction. The TxVSN OLS provides students throughout the state with access to online courses that address the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and meet national standards for quality online courses.

Authority:

Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 30A

General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article III, Rider 58, 82nd Texas Legislature, 2011

Additional Information:

Formerly known as the Electronic Course Pilot and the Electronic Course Program (eCP), the TxVSN OLS was originally established as a pilot and later expanded to a full program under which a school district could offer electronic courses to students enrolled in the district or to students enrolled in another district. In 2009, House Bill 3646 incorporated the eCP under the TxVSN.

School districts approved to operate a TxVSN online school may offer the instructional program to students enrolled in the district or to students in another district. Open-enrollment charter schools approved to operate a TxVSN online school may offer the instructional program to students who reside within the charter school's approved geographic service area.

To be eligible for full-time enrollment in a TxVSN online school, students must meet one of the following criteria:

- must have been enrolled in a Texas public school in the preceding school year,
- must have been placed in substitute care, or
- must be a dependent of a member of the U.S. military who does not currently reside in Texas due to a military deployment or transfer and who was previously enrolled in Texas high school

Approved TxVSN OLS participants are required to meet all applicable laws and rules for public schools.

Funding:

Approved TxVSN OLS school districts and open-enrollment charter schools earn Foundation School Program (FSP) funding for eligible students in the same manner as funding for courses provided in a traditional classroom setting, provided that the student successfully completes the course or program. Successful course completion is defined as earning credit for a high school course. Successful program completion is defined as completion of the TxVSN education program at grades 3 through 8 and demonstrated academic proficiency sufficient for promotion to the next grade level.

TxVSN Online Schools

Texas Connections Academy at Houston

Houston Independent School District
Established in 2007-2008
2011-2012 student enrollment: 2,463
Approved to serve grades 3-12 (2012-2013)

Texas Virtual Academy

ResponsiveEd
Established in 2007-2008
2011-2012 student enrollment: 3,665
Approved to serve grades 3-12 (2012-2013)

Texarkana ISD Virtual Academy

Texarkana Independent School District
Established in 2011-2012
2011-2012 student enrollment: 81
Approved to serve grades 3-7 (2012-2013)