

Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP)

The [Statewide Online Education Program](#) (SOEP) invites middle and high school students who are not regularly enrolled in an online school to earn graduation credit in an online school. SOEP course providers are public schools accredited for 7th-12th grade education. Any credit you earn through SOEP will be accepted at Walden or any Utah public middle or high school.

Walden typically invites students to engage in up to 7 yearly credits overall. Students can choose to earn up to six of those credits through the SOEP program.

Regardless of the level of online credits that the student chooses to engage in, however, the student maintains regular enrollment at their boundary school, home or private school, or other school of choice, and essential services such as graduation and access to a counselor are uniquely available at this school, as are co-curricular activities such as CASA clubs, expeditions, and field experiences.

A student does not need to physically attend courses at Walden to participate in SOEP courses, but if you would like to take advantage of the academic or extracurricular programs that Walden has to offer, you must stay enrolled as a student at Walden while you take any SOEP courses you choose. SOEP providers enroll students only course-wise, so you are not eligible for additional services from the provider, including sports, extra or co-curricular participation, or graduation services.

What the student can access is online coursework otherwise available only to students regularly enrolled in these online schools, supplementing coursework that their primary school of enrollment offers them directly. SOEP participation thus allows a student to experience the best of both worlds by allowing the student to choose the extent to which they wish to participate in each school.

Who is eligible?

Students are eligible to participate in Statewide Public Education Online if they are enrolled in a Utah public, private or home school and wish to take online 7-12 grade coursework. A student may earn no more credits in a year than the number of credits that the student would earn by taking a full course load during the regular school day at their primary school of enrollment, in a traditional classroom. Online credits replace and do not supplement courses taken at the student's primary school of enrollment.

What if you want to graduate early?

A student may be eligible to earn more credits in a year than the number of credits he or she may earn by taking a full course load during the regular school day in their local high school, if that student intends to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high school early in accordance with an approved education/occupation plan (SEOP or CCRP).

Where do you get information about the courses I can take through the Statewide Public Education Online Program?

The [Utah State Board of Education's EdOnline](#) website contains links to online courses, contacts and other information.

How do you register?

Enrollment is requested using the SEATS web application provided online by the Utah State Board of Education, at: <https://seats.schools.utah.gov>. When a request is filed, the student's Counselor and the Provider are notified via email, so that they can review the request. Once a request is approved, both the Parent and the Provider are notified by email so that the student can start work. The Provider will contact the student by email to explain how the student can "log in" and begin to participate.

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