

ONLINE LEARNING OPTIONS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



About Us

The North Dakota Center for Distance Education (NDCDE) is a state-approved, Cognia-accredited virtual school that provides courses to students across North Dakota. All courses are taught by licensed North Dakota teachers and follow North Dakota academic standards.



Subjects Available

Core Subjects (K-5): English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, & Physical Education

Electives: Art, Music, Technology, & Foreign Language



Why Choose Us?

- Flexible learning environment for unique family or school situations
- Students learn responsibility and independence while still being guided by North Dakota teachers
- ND approved and Cognia accredited courses that transfer back to local schools

Quick Facts

- **Flexible**

Courses are self-paced, and students have 20 weeks to complete them.

- **More than just content**

Each student has a teacher who provides feedback, answers questions, and meets with them virtually.

- **Support system**

Every student is required to have a local learning coach to help them stay on track.

- **Affordable**

Courses are just \$259 each and may be paid by local schools for qualifying ND students (see next page).

- **Competency-based**

NDCDE aims to ensure that young learners have no learning gaps as they prepare for middle school and beyond by offering courses that measure student progress by content standards. Our instructors work to help students achieve proficiency in each standard.



HOW TO ENROLL?

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ALIGNED TO FAMILIES' GOALS

Elementary students can take NDCDE courses in different ways. **For North Dakota students**, costs and enrollment steps depend on whether the student is full-time or part-time, and whether the parent or the school is responsible for tuition.



FULL-TIME NDCDE ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

- **Parent-Paid (Home School Pathway):** Parent files a Statement of Intent to Home School. Parent pays 100% of NDCDE course costs.* Student is considered homeschooled but takes all courses online through NDCDE.
- **Virtual Academy Partner School:** Student enrolls in a district's virtual academy that uses NDCDE as its curriculum provider. Tuition is covered through the district's virtual academy. If the local district does not have a participating virtual academy, parents may need to open enroll (NDCC Ch. 15.1-31) or request a tuition contract (NDCC Ch. 15.1-29) to another district with a virtual academy.

PART-TIME NDCDE ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

- **District-Paid (Supplemental Pathway):** Student remains enrolled in their local school. School pays NDCDE course costs, as long as the student follows the district's rules for NDCDE enrollment and course use.
- **Parent-Paid (Independent Pathway):** Student remains enrolled in their local school. Parent pays for NDCDE courses directly if they are unable to follow district restrictions in policies on NDCDE enrollment. Student completes NDCDE courses independently, outside the school's oversight. Parent sends a completion certificate to the school to receive credit.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- **Parents self-paying:** Create an account with NDCDE and begin selecting courses in our store.
- **School paying for student:** School selects courses for the student and enrolls them through the NDCDE store.
- **To learn more visit:** <https://www.cde.nd.gov/information/resources/how-enroll>

*Homeschool parents may request to take a NDCDE course at a school district's expenses subject to district policies and restrictions. Schools should consult NDDPI on counting these students in average daily membership.

Still have questions? ✉ ndcde.enroll@k12.nd.us