

6A-6.0982 Florida Approved Online Course Providers.

(1) Purpose. Section 1003.499(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.) requires the Commissioner of Education to annually publish online a list of providers approved to offer Florida approved courses.

(2)(a) Application Form. Form VSP-03, Online Course Provider Approval Application (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09626>), for becoming an approved online course provider, will be used for those online course providers applying for approved status from the Department of Education. Form VSP-03 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective September 2021 ~~August 2018~~.

(b) Application Form. Form VSP-04, Application for Currently Approved Online Course Provider (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09627>), for a currently approved online course provider to add new courses to their approval, will be used for online course providers applying for additional online course approval status from the Department of Education. Form VSP-04 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective September 2021 ~~August 2018~~.

(c) Application Form. Form VSP-05, Online Course Provider Renewal Approval Application (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09628>), for renewing an approved provider, will be used for those online course providers applying for renewal approval status from the Department of Education. Form VSP-05 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective September 2021 ~~August 2018~~. Copies of Form VSP-03, VSP-04, and VSP-05 may be obtained by contacting the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(3) Application. The applications to become an approved online course provider, renewal, or for new course approval will be available at <https://fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/virtual-edu/provider-resources/> ~~<https://floridacourseprovider.fluidreview.com>~~ beginning September 1 of each year for the following school year and must be accessed and submitted electronically. The deadline for filing the applications is September 30.

(a) No change.

1. through 2. No change.

3. At least two (2) years of cohort data from teacher developed End-of-Course assessments or semester examinations; ~~or~~

4. At least two (2) years of cohort data from pre- and post-assessments delivered for a course, which assessment

is not covered under another category; or

(b) In accordance with Section 1003.499(3)(a)6., F.S., the applicant ensures instructional and curricular quality through a detailed curriculum and student performance accountability plan that addresses every subject and grade level that the applicant intends to provide. The curriculum plan must include evidence:

1. That the applicant meets the standards of the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL);

2. That the applicant's online program and courses meet the standards of the National Standards for Quality Online Courses, formerly provided by the International Standards of Quality for Online Courses;

~~3. 2.~~ That its courses and services are aligned to the Florida Student Performance Standards adopted in Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., which is incorporated by reference herein, and measure student attainment of those standards. Each course must align to the course descriptions and benchmarks established pursuant to Rule 6A-1.09412, F.A.C., which is incorporated by reference herein, including:

a. through c. No change.

~~4. 3.~~ That mechanisms are in place to determine and ensure students have satisfied course requirements.

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a. through e. No change.

(c) No change.

(4) The Department of Education will review each complete application and provide the applicant with a written decision regarding the approval or denial of the application no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Approved online course providers will be posted to the website:

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/virtual-edu/provider-resources/approved-providers/>

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(5) through (7) No change.

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