

Virtual School Status FAQ

Q: What are the different types of virtual status?

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Status	Description
Full Virtual	The school has no physical building where students meet with each other or with teachers on a regularly scheduled basis; all instruction is virtual.
Focus Virtual	The school focuses on a systematic program of virtual instruction but includes some regularly scheduled in-person meetings including students and teachers as part of the instructional program.
Supplemental Virtual	Students at this school have access to virtual courses, but virtual instruction is not the primary means of instruction.
Not Virtual	The school does not offer any virtual instruction.

Q: Does the virtual status apply to the district or school?

A: Data are submitted at the school level. The Oregon Department of Education is currently not requesting the virtual status of the school district itself. However, schools who only access virtual education through a school district-run program would be considered “supplemental virtual”.

Q: Does every school have to submit a status?

A: This is required for every public school in Oregon.

Q: We do not provide virtual education through our school, but we do send students to an online college program. What status should we use?

A: If your school offers virtual instruction in any way, including sending students to online programs that the school does not oversee, this school should select something other than “Not Virtual.” In the example given, “Supplemental Virtual” would be most appropriate.

Q: We offer online curriculum to students in our adult education program. Since these students are not claimed for State School Funding, does this count toward our school’s virtual status?

A: The virtual status only applies to K-12 education. If a school only offers virtual education at their adult education program, select “Not Virtual.”

Q: Is “virtual” the same as “distance learning”?

A: No. Virtual is defined as instruction in which students and teachers are separated by time and/or location and interaction occurs via computers and/or telecommunications technologies.

Q: Where can I view my current status?

A: If you have already submitted your status to the Department, you may review this information during the [Institutions for Accountability Reporting validation](#) (through the Achievement Data Insight).

Q: Our status changed this year. How do I update this information?

A: If the only information that changed is your school’s virtual status, you may send an email to ode.institutions-request@ode.state.or.us, including the name and Institution ID of your school and the new virtual status. If you have a new school or other changes, please complete an Institution Request Form found at the [Institutions Identification – School Names website](#).

Q: Do I need to resubmit this information every year?

A: No. If your status does not change, you do not need to resubmit your status. It is recommended, however, that you view your status annually in the Institutions for Accountability Reporting validation (through the Achievement Data Insight) in the Spring to make sure it is accurate.

Q: Why is the Oregon Department of Education collecting this information?

A: The ODE is collecting this information in response to federal requirements.

If you have further questions, please send them directly to ode.institutions-request@ode.state.or.us.