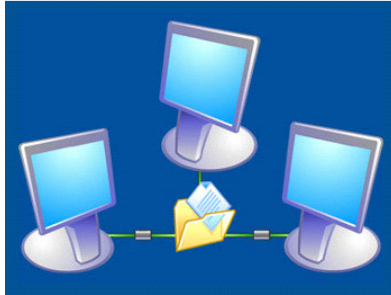


Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School (NEWOCS)

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What is the Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School (NEWOCS)?

The Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School is a computer-based, Internet-based, asynchronous charter school eager to serve students whose needs are not being met in a traditional learning environment. The school will provide courses for the following students:

- Nontraditional learners seeking a full program in the online computer approach;
- Underachieving learners seeking a common foundation for success shared with their peers that helps to close the achievement gap, as described in "The New Wisconsin Promise";
- Learners who have interests in courses not available in their school setting; and
- Notably high achieving students who seek accelerated learning opportunities.

What is a charter school?

- Public school created through a contract with a school board
- Freedom from many state rules and regulations
- Greater accountability for results
- An educational option started in WI in 1993

What is online learning mean?

- Online learning is a form of distance education using the computer and Internet.
- Online learning allows students to take courses over the Internet.
- Online offers full credit courses in basic, general and advanced placement/honors areas

Mission Statement

The Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School's mission is to meet more comprehensively the needs of students in northeastern Wisconsin, while effectively meeting the goals of the "No Child Left Behind" legislation. This mission involves continuing to provide an environment that promotes each student's social, emotional, academic, and vocational growth through strong support systems connecting the online teacher/facilitator, the local education guide (LEG), and the identified adult "personal coach" dedicated to encouraging the online students at home.

Enrollment

Students in grades 6-12 from participating school districts will enroll in the Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School. Students access the Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School by enrolling through their resident school district.

Access to the Charter School

To assure equity of access to the online school, NEWOCS will have a lottery. All placements are contingent on space and finances being available.

- Students register for courses through the identified school contact person.
- Students, parents, teachers, or administrators may suggest online courses.
- Students benefit by having the interest, self-motivation and computer skills to take online courses.

NEWOCS Policies

- Students in grades 6-12 may be enrolled in the online charter school fulltime.
- Students are given the opportunity to participate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Students may work wherever they may access the necessary technology for the online course.
- Curriculum is the responsibility of the online charter school through CESA 7 teachers and other course providers.
- Curriculum will be aligned with state and national standards.
- The high school diploma may be the district diploma or the Northeast Wisconsin Online Charter School diploma.
- Each school district in the online charter school consortium would have its own credit requirements for graduation.
- Support services will continue to be provided by each school district.
- Students may participate in traditional extra-curricular activities, according to district policy.
- State assessments are required at the grade levels and in the subject areas designated by DPI.

Computer Equipment

Internet Requirements: A standard web browser, such as the following: Netscape Navigator (4.5 or greater) or Microsoft Internet Explorer (4.5 or greater).

Computer Requirements: PC: Windows 98/ME, 28.8 kbps modem or faster, Pentium processor or faster, Sound Card & Speakers (for some courses), and 16MB of RAM or more.

MAC: Mac Os 7.5.5 or Later, 16 MB of RAM or more, Power PC Processor, and 28.8 kbps modem or faster

Local Education Guide

- The Local Education Guide (LEG) serves as a local education guide for students.
- In addition, students have online instructors/facilitators and “personal coaches.”
- The Local Education Guide helps parents and students select appropriate courses.
- The Local Education Guide helps students develop a planning chart for course completion.
- The Local Education Guide serves as a motivator who offers encouragement.

Personal Coach

- Could be family member, neighbor, or friend.
- Could be a community member.
- Could be a current or retired teacher.
- Could be someone especially interested in technology and online learning.
- Is the person who stays in contact with the Local Education Guide.

Keys to Students’ Success

- Schedule time each day to work on courses.
- Read the information/directions for completing assignments carefully.
- Work proficiently with the computer.
- Be highly motivated and able to work alone.
- Communicate with your teachers and Local Education Guide on a regular basis via e-mail, phone or in person.
- Log on to the courses at least three times per week.
- Complete at least three assignments per week (varies for each course).
- E-mail or phone your teachers at least once a week.
- Stay on pace.

Online Work

- Online work doesn’t mean that you have to be online to do all the course work.
- You may print out pages on which to work.
- You may type ideas in a word processor and then cut and paste into the online program.

Curriculum

- Various providers supply middle and high school online courses.
- Technical colleges and the Experimental Aviation Association are providing high school/college online courses.
- Advanced Placement (AP)/honors courses are offered.
- CESA 7 teachers have placed and are placing some of their courses into the online format for instruction.
- Most courses have flexible start dates; some courses have definite end dates.

Students' Schedule for Online Courses

- Students have between four and five months to complete the courses, depending on the provider.
- Students may complete courses in less time than the four to five months.
- Students should establish a work plan and follow the work plan to complete the courses.
- Students may access their online courses wherever they have internet access including their regular school building.
- Students may work on the courses anytime day or night.

Students' Application

- The students and parents/guardians or personal coaches should complete the pre-planning registration form.
- The students should consult with the building contact person to access NEWOCS.

Website

<http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/>

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