



Iowa's online exchange for learning content, resources, and collaboration

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Iowa e-Learning Central Fact Sheet

What is Iowa e-Learning Central?

[Iowa e-Learning Central](#) is an online exchange for Iowa educators, students, and families that supports their collective efforts to engage in high-quality online learning. It has three primary components:

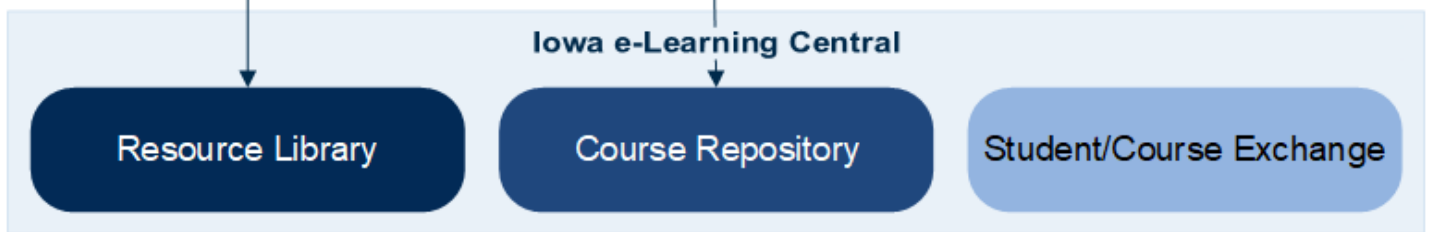
1. **Resource Library**, which provides a place for educators, families, and students to access resources and supports, developed by experts in the field, that help them be successful partners in the online learning process. This component also serves as a mechanism for these groups to provide ongoing feedback. *New for the 2021-22 school year.*
2. **Course Repository**, which serves as a repository to access high-quality course and unit content developed by Iowa-licensed educators for use in classrooms. Content will expand across all grade levels and disciplines, can be used online or in the classroom, can be adapted to meet local needs or taught as is, and is available to any school across the state.
3. **Student/Course Exchange**, which facilitates sharing of online courses so schools can offer their open seats to students in other schools or find seats needed for their students. *New for the 2021-22 school year.*



Experts in supporting educators, families, and students develop supports and resources



Iowa-licensed educators develop quality units and courses that align with the Iowa Standards



Students, families, and educators download resources and supports



Schools download course content for local use (online or in-person)



Schools find courses available for their students across the state

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How does Iowa e-Learning Central help students, educators, and families?

Iowa e-Learning Central provides flexibility to support all Iowa schools. It addresses two statewide needs vital to the success of our students, educators, and families. The first is a newly identified need that was brought to light with the COVID-19 pandemic: the need for accessible, evidence-based supports and resources not only for students to be successful in their studies (whether that's in-person or online), but for educators and families to support their students in their learning. The second identified need is access to high-quality content, regardless of a student's location in the state.

With that, Iowa e-Learning Central:

- Expands access to high-quality course and unit content that aligns with Iowa's academic standards, giving schools the flexibility to use, modify, and incorporate the content to best meet the needs of their students, families, and communities.
- Allows schools to download the content they need from the exchange, as they need it, to design interactive and collaborative in-person or online courses for use in their classrooms.
- Includes content designed to be led and facilitated by educators locally in their classrooms (online or in-person).

The big-picture vision is to offer educators richer content to bring into their classrooms and expand opportunities and support for Iowa students and families.

What course offerings are available to educators?

For the 2021-2022 school year, Iowa e-Learning Central will focus on the core subjects (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies) and financial literacy for grades six through 12 and on computer science, Spanish, business, family consumer science, and physical education for grades nine through 12. These free offerings integrate into any school learning management system (LMS) that can accept a common cartridge, such as Canvas or others specifically designed to create, distribute, and manage the delivery of educational content.

Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, Iowa educators will update and revise existing courses (as necessary) and release additional subject area and discipline content for preschool through grade 12.

Flexibility to help all Iowa schools, no matter their needs

Districts and nonpublic schools using Iowa e-Learning Central can choose which courses to offer or select units to use in an existing course. Students participating in Competent Private Instruction (CPI) may also request courses or units through their district. It is all up to the needs of each school and the students it serves. Using Iowa e-Learning Central is completely voluntary.

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