



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

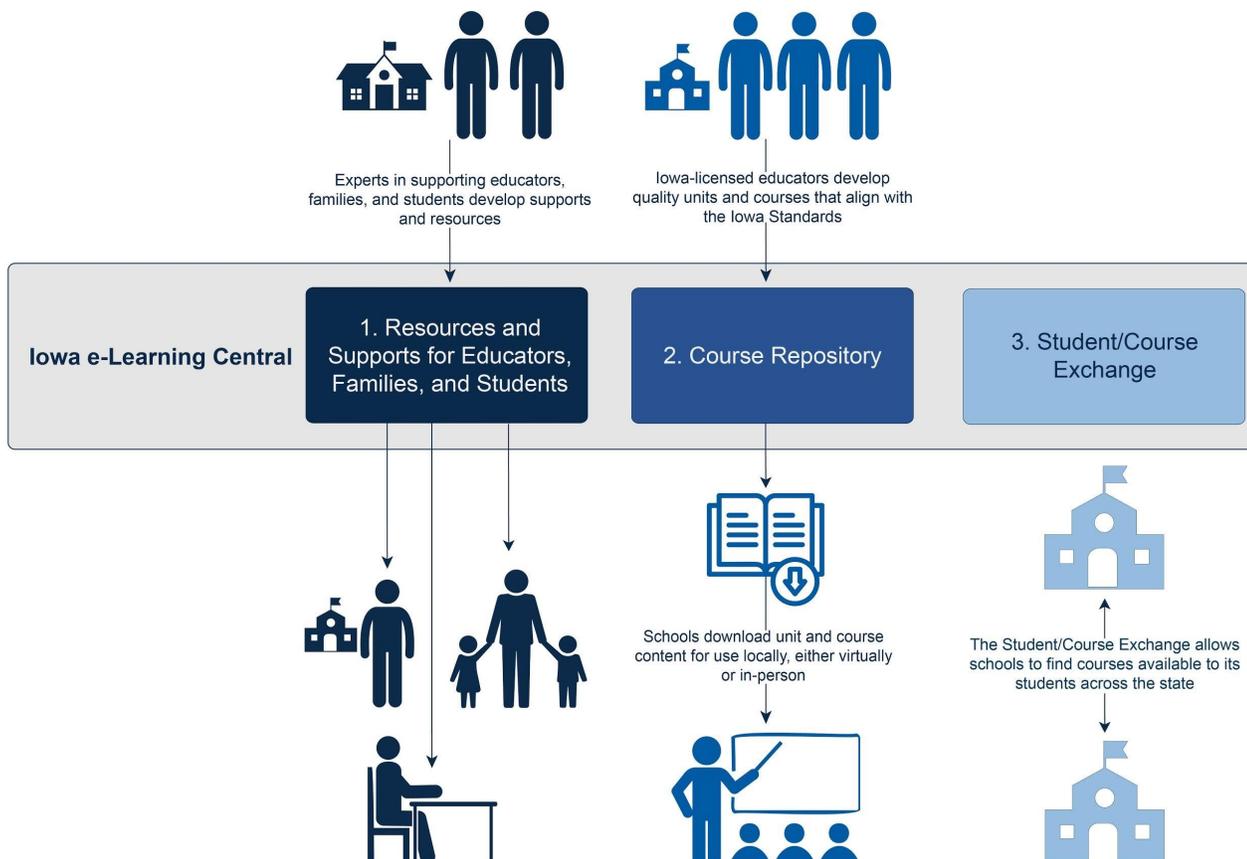
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What is Iowa e-Learning Central?

Iowa e-Learning Central is an online exchange for Iowa educators, students and families that houses high-quality courses and units, supports content creation and collaboration and expands statewide access to Iowa Standards-aligned courses and units across all grade levels. It has three primary components:

1. **Resources and Supports for Educators, Families and Students.** Provides a place for educators, families and students to access resources and supports developed by experts in the field. This component also serves as a mechanism for these groups to provide ongoing feedback. **New for the 2021-22 school year.**
2. **Course Repository.** Serves as a repository to access high-quality course and unit content developed by Iowa-licensed educators for use in classrooms. Course 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: public, nonpublic or homeschool.
3. **Student/Course Exchange.** 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.**

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

Iowa e-Learning Central 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 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 (virtual or in-person).

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

What course offerings are available to educators?

For the 2020-21 school year, Iowa e-Learning Central focuses on core subjects for grades 9-12 (English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies) as well as computer science, world languages and financial literacy. These free cost offerings integrate into a school's learning management system (LMS), such as Canvas or others specifically designed to create, distribute and manage the delivery of educational content. They may also be downloaded in other formats so that the content can be used without an LMS.

Additional content developed by Iowa educators will be released on a rolling basis throughout the 2021-22 school year for preschool through twelfth grade across more subjects and disciplines, including the career and technical education service areas.

Flexibility to Help All Iowa Schools, No Matter Their Needs

Districts, nonpublic schools and homeschool providers using Iowa e-Learning Central can choose which courses to offer or select units to use in an existing course. It is all up to the particular needs of each school and homeschool provider. Using Iowa e-Learning Central is completely voluntary.

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