

Agenda Item #8

Funding for Online Schools

Commission on School Funding

February 11, 2022

Nevada Legislature-Letter of Intent

- Review online schools operated by school districts to determine if the funding provided to full-time students at those schools should align with the funding provided to online charter schools, which receive the statewide base per pupil funding amount instead of the district-specific base per pupil funding amount.

Online Schools Operated By Districts

School	Full-Time Enrollment	District
Douglas Nevada Online	119	Douglas
Esmeralda Virtual High School	8	Esmeralda
North Star Online	1,286	Washoe
Northeastern Nevada Virtual Academy	288	Elko
Total	1,701	N/A

Online Charter Schools Sponsored by SPCSA

School	Full-Time Enrollment	District
Leadership Academy of Nevada	370	Clark
Nevada Virtual Academy	2,586	Clark
Nevada Connections Academy	1,396	Washoe
Total	4,352	N/A

Impact of Change

- Equity
 - Similar schools will be treated equally.
- Complexity
 - Changes possibly necessary for model, payment book, ADE calculations, and district allocation methodologies if treated differently.
- Financial
 - The statewide base per pupil funding amount is less than the adjusted base per pupil funding amount for all districts.

Decision Point

- Should online schools operated by a district receive the statewide base equal to online charter schools?