



# Finding the Right Online Curriculum



A Workbook from Edmentum

# Identifying a True Partner

Depending on your identified need, your online curriculum provider should be able to offer much more than just quality content. You should now be able to have complete confidence in the rigor and content alignment to standards, as well as the flexibility to adapt to your scope and sequence without sacrificing quality.

## Identifying a True Partner

Which of the course offerings below would you be interested in leveraging with your students this semester? Which would you like to plan for in the upcoming school year? Select the courses that would best fit your learning environment.

### NOW

- Core Subject Areas
  - Math
  - English Language Arts
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- World Languages
- CTE and Electives
- Test Preparation (ACT®, SAT®, etc.)
- AP® Exam Preparation

### FUTURE

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How is the curriculum rigorous? In what ways does it allow for customization to fit varying needs?

How is standards alignment maintained during customization?

## More Than Just a Curriculum

Ask your online curriculum provider these important questions to ensure the program you choose will support all facets of learning in your environment.

Is the curriculum built to my state standards?

YES  NO

Does my curriculum provider make information available regarding the instructional design of the curriculum?

YES  NO

Is it clear who develops the curriculum?

YES  NO

Is the curriculum reviewed by third-party entities that provide standards guidance?

YES  NO

Is it clear that my curriculum provider updates standards as standards change?

YES  NO

Does my curriculum provider make available teacher support in each course as it relates to the scope and sequence of the curriculum?

YES  NO

Does my curriculum provider allow the option to customize content by adding, deleting, reordering, or changing course content as needed?

YES  NO

Use the space below to take notes on your next steps.



Finally, select the column that most closely resembles the type of implementation you have or would like to have.

Bring Your Own Device	1 to 1	Mobile Cart	Computer Lab	Classroom Computers	Smartboard/ Projector
<b>Leverage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- full courses</li> <li>- entire units</li> <li>- in class and virtual</li> <li>- individual flex assignments</li> <li>- worksheets</li> <li>- resources</li> <li>- supporting documentation</li> <li>- assessment data</li> <li>- communication tools</li> </ul>	<b>Leverage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- full courses</li> <li>- entire units</li> <li>- in class and virtual</li> <li>- individual flex assignments</li> <li>- worksheets</li> <li>- resources</li> <li>- supporting documentation</li> <li>- assessment data</li> <li>- communication tools</li> </ul>	<b>Leverage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- entire units</li> <li>- in class activities</li> <li>- lesson segments</li> <li>- individual flex assignments</li> <li>- custom built courses</li> <li>- resources</li> <li>- assessment data</li> <li>- communication tools</li> </ul>	<b>Leverage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- full courses</li> <li>- units</li> <li>- planned assignments</li> <li>- worksheets</li> <li>- resources</li> <li>- assessment data</li> <li>- customization</li> <li>- communication tools</li> </ul>	<b>Leverage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- full courses</li> <li>- entire units</li> <li>- customized course</li> <li>- individual flex assignments</li> <li>- worksheets</li> <li>- resources</li> <li>- supporting documentation</li> <li>- assessment data</li> <li>- communication tools</li> </ul>	<b>Leverage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- content videos</li> <li>- activities</li> <li>- knowledge check questions</li> <li>- virtual labs</li> <li>- resources</li> <li>- mastery tests</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits:</b> All students have access to technology inside and outside of the school.	<b>Benefits:</b> All students have access to technology inside and outside of the school.	<b>Benefits:</b> Opens access for courses to portions of class.	<b>Benefits:</b> Most schools have access, larger groups can cycle at a time.	<b>Benefits:</b> Students can work directly on a lesson or activity in the classroom.	<b>Benefits:</b> Easily augment lesson plans, introduce new topics with fun video, or reinforce previous concepts with a review mastery test.
<b>Limitations:</b> Less control and consistency for maintenance and upgrades.	<b>Limitations:</b> Costly maintenance and upgrades.	<b>Limitations:</b> May not have control over times or number of devices on given days.	<b>Limitations:</b> Schedule.	<b>Limitations:</b> Amount of time allotted to rotate through students.	<b>Limitations:</b> Must be in a full group setting.
<b>Blended Models:</b> All types of models could leverage BYOD.	<b>Blended Models:</b> All types of models could leverage 1:1.	<b>Blended Models:</b> Lab rotation, A La Carte.	<b>Blended Models:</b> Station rotation, lab rotation, A La Carte.	<b>Blended Models:</b> Station rotation, lab rotation, A La Carte.	<b>Blended Models:</b> All rotation models.

# Selecting the Ideal Partner

At this point, you may be asking, “How do I know which online curriculum provider is best for my needs?” The best way to answer that is to ask yourself more question to clarify your exact needs.

What programs do you already have access to, and how are you using them?

What student needs did you identify that could benefit from a larger online curriculum resource?

Is online learning going to be the backbone of student learning or a supplement?

How ready are you to follow the best practices to ensure that online learning is successful? Who will be your champions at your school for this initiative?

What would your implementation look like? Will the program be implemented across an entire school/district or on a class-by-class or student-by-student basis?

How ready are you? In most cases, you don't realize how far you've come until you take a look at where you've been. Let's review what you have uncovered.

I understand the definition of online curriculum, along with learners and educators' expectations.

I know my school's or district's online curriculum goals.

I know my school's or district's technology plan.

I have identified my pilot program to begin utilizing online curriculum as: (circle one)

- The entire curriculum
- Supplemental instruction
- Unit/credit recovery
- Original credit in an online academy or in a traditional setting
- Expanded course offerings in an online academy or in a traditional setting

I have identified three ways I can use online curriculum in my current classroom:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I feel empowered to ask the right questions to:

- 1** Ensure that I choose an online curriculum that is best for me and my learners and is aligned to state standards.
- 2** Continue to grow my use of online curriculum in my classroom.

# Your Online Curriculum Partner

Edmentum is founded in innovation and committed to being a trusted partner to create successful student outcomes everywhere learning occurs. We can give you the resources—and the expertise—to leverage the power of effective learning solutions.

## 1. Program Needs Analysis

Review online curriculum learning strategies and best practices.

## 2. Implementation & Onboarding

Tailor onboarding process to meet the specific needs of your educators

## 3. Professional Development

Continuous support focused on preparing and sustaining a blended classroom

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