

North Dakota Center for Distance Education

The ND Center for Distance Education (formerly the Division of Independent Study), which is under the umbrella of the North Dakota Educational Technology Council, offers grades 4-12 curriculum through correspondence and on-line. Students may expand studies beyond local course offerings and/or schedule classes that cannot be arranged locally. In all cases, the Center serves as a resource to the local school. Administrative approval from the local school district is required before students are accepted for enrollment. School district policies should include provisions for distance education as it pertains to graduation requirements.

The Center operates one of the largest public grades 6-12 correspondence and on-line schools in the country and serves students from every state and 40 foreign countries. More than 10,000 new subject enrollments are handled annually. Required and elective courses are offered to supplement elementary, middle, and high school curricula and to provide an alternative method of earning a diploma. An increasing number of schools are incorporating a regular class period during the school day for students to pursue their distance education under a manager of instruction who supervises student progress.

The Center for Distance Education is located on the campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo.

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