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Digital Learning in North Carolina

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Digital Learning: Core Values

- Access to “sound basic education”
- Equity– “All students means *all* students”
- Digital literacy is a common good
- Readily transparent





Digital Learning: Core Values

- Fiscal Responsibility
 - Digital learning should be cheaper or add value
 - Cost of reproducing taxpayer-funded materials is near-zero
 - Efficiency can spur innovation





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North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS)

- Founded 2006
- Launched 2007
- Program Consolidation
- Now serving 22,000+ unique students
(nearly 50,000 enrollments)





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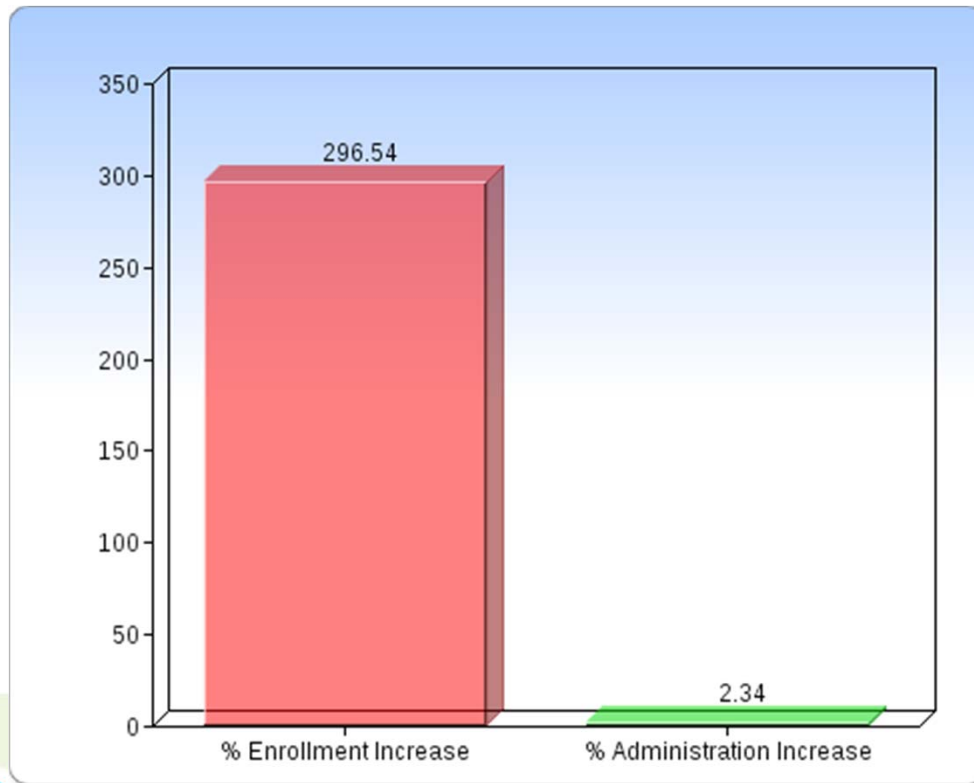
- All students means *all* students: AP, traditional, credit recovery, exceptional children
- 115 courses, with more in development
- All core areas, many electives





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- Rapid scale-up
- Difficult to maintain



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Future directions:

- Sharing content
- Student life





Digital Learning Now: Successes

- Strong State Virtual School
- Access to Multiple Providers
- Wide Access to Digital Content
- Quality Standards





Digital Learning Now: Progress

**Many efforts recommended are underway, but are not legislated.

- Training and professional development
- Funding for completion





Digital Learning Now: Progress

- Approvals, appeals, and access
- Resource-level alignment (RttT)
- Mastery-based learning discussions
- Infrastructure and devices





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Digital Learning Now: “It’s Complicated”

- Funding issues
- Caps on enrollment
- Equitable per-pupil distribution





Digital Learning Now: Areas of Concern

- Full-time virtual for elementary
- Graduation requirement
- Some issues aren't digital
- DLN doesn't address "churn"
- DLN doesn't address differentiation





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Digital Learning Now: Areas of Concern

- What would a full-time virtual school offer that NCVPS doesn't?





Digital Learning Now: “Low-Hanging Fruit”

- Increased access for middle school
 - Develop core middle school courses for 2013-2014 launch
 - Develop electives for 2014-2015 launch
- Stable, simple funding





Digital Learning Now: “Low-Hanging Fruit”

- Additional services from NCVPS
 - School counselors
 - Media services
 - Socialization and citizenship opportunities
- Digital textbook investments

