



K-8 Digital Literacy

State Supported Vendor: Learning.com

2020-2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can use the state convenience contract?	How much does the solution cost?
All public school districts and charter schools may purchase Learning.com solutions under the state negotiated pricing.	The cost is \$7.50 per student OR \$3,200 per school site license.
Am I eligible to receive funding?	What are the benefits of using the State’s convenience contract if I’m not eligible for funding?
School Year 2020-21: All public school units (PSUs) within economically distressed counties (as determined by the NC Department of Commerce Tier 1 designation) and who completed the NCDPI LCOM funding survey indicating they would utilize Learning.com in SY20-21, are eligible to receive funding. In order to receive funding, Tier 1 PSUs, that completed the NCDPI Funding Survey with Yes, they would use LCOM in 2020-21, must complete a contract with the state selected vendor, Learning.com, by summer/early fall 2020.	The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) conducted a competitive bidding process that involved expert reviewers in digital teaching and learning, cyber-security, architecture, accessibility, finance, and legal. The selected vendor met the rigorous State standards for digital literacy content as well as technical security and architecture. Additionally, the State is able to negotiate lower pricing by leveraging economies of scale.
What does the implementation process look like?	How can I get started?
The state selected vendor, Learning.com, provides an implementation specialist for each district to guide the process, which is in addition to their comprehensive on-demand support resources for onboarding, new user training, and continuing education.	All interested districts and charter schools should contact the vendor representative, Michelle Spence, at MSpence@learning.com or 800.580.4640 ext. 4460.



Does this solution have a state mandated summative assessment?	
No. The solution offers optional formative assessments to provide educators with data to help drive their personalized instruction.	

Tier 1 Funding: Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to receive funding?	What does the funding for Tier 1 school districts and charter schools cover?
See General FAQs above.	Qualifying public school districts and charter schools may use the funds to support the adoption and implementation of the state selected vendor, Learning.com. These funds only cover the cost of K-8 student licenses (as estimated in the NCDPI funding survey).
Will the Tier 1 allotments cover the full price of the solution?	Will there be funding available after the first initial allotments in 2020?
No. Tier 1 allotments for SY2020-21 will cover student licenses only based on the PSU's response to NCDPI's funding survey indicating the estimated K-8 students that would utilize Learning.com. (ie: to purchase student licenses)	No. See the DIGITAL LEARNING INITIATIVE (DLI) policy for implementation and adoption support found in the 2020-2021 Allotment Policy Manual.
Does the 2020-21 allotment need to be expended by November 31, 2020?	How are the allotments calculated?
Yes. Allocations that are not expended for licenses by November 30 of the fiscal year shall revert to DPI and utilized for implementation of the State's Digital Learning Plan.	Funds are distributed among the PSUs within Tier 1 counties based on the PSUs responses to the NCDPI LCOM Funding Survey. Funds will be allotted based on the PSU's estimated K-8 students that will use Learning.com (student licenses).
What PRC number will be used for these allotments?	
PRC 078 will be used for these allotments. Funds for charter schools shall be allotted in PRC 036 and for ISD in PRC 044. Funds for the Renewal School System, if eligible, shall be allotted in PRC 037. Funds are not eligible for carryover.	