

ABSTRACT - Iowa e-Learning Central (ILC)

The Iowa Department of Education (IDE)

Iowa's children experienced months of learning loss and a significant decrease in access to quality instructional content as our schools closed due to COVID-19. Though our educational leaders, teachers, and parents focused on ensuring Iowa's children remained engaged in learning, the twelve-week school closures followed by the summer break undoubtedly impacted student learning. A major contributing factor to this great loss in education for our students is the lack of a state-supported virtual learning environment with access to high-quality course content. To address this critical need, we will establish **Iowa e-Learning Central** in order to not only sustain student progress, but to accelerate student learning by expanding rigorous instructional opportunities for students regardless of crisis events. ILC will partner with educators across the state to attain this primary goal by instituting the following objectives supported by grant funds: (1) establish an ILC Leadership team to lead the work [REDACTED] (2) support a statewide virtual learning environment with equitable access to high-quality course programs [REDACTED] (3) develop foundational content, and empower Iowa educators to develop, access, and use high-quality course programs [REDACTED] ; (4) create a central area for families to access resources, their child's educational programming, and provide input and recommendations [REDACTED] and (5) evaluate project progress and performance measures/targets using a statewide continuous improvement process to measure, monitor, and adjust. ILC proposes to address the *Absolute Priority 2— Statewide Virtual Learning and Course Access Programs*.