

Criteria questions	NorthStar Academy www.northstar-academy.org	University of Nebraska's CLASS program Class.unl.edu/final_web/ index.html	Laurel Springs, California www.laurelsprings.com	The Potters School www.pottersschool.com	Cyber School, Oregon www.cyberschool.k12.or.us
1. Is the online education program web-based or client-server based?	Client-server based	Web-based	Web-based	Client-server based	Web-based
2. Do the teachers instruct from a religious or secular worldview?	Christian	Secular	Secular	Christian	Secular
3. What is the tuition cost for a one-semester (0.5) online course?	\$235	\$295	\$225	\$137.50-\$200	\$350
4. What is the tuition cost for a one-semester (1.0 credit) online course?	\$440	\$590	\$450	\$275-\$400	\$700 (students may not be enrolled full-time)
5. What additional costs are associated with each course?	Handling: \$10 (total) Materials: \$0-\$40 Use of texts, videos, etc., is part of course cost.	Handling: \$23 (per course, per semester) Materials: \$0-\$224	Enrollment fee: \$315 Materials: \$95-\$145 per course Required transcript fee: \$25	Students purchase texts and materials; Registration fee of \$55 for new student (\$30 for returning).	Student must purchase all texts and materials.
6. Is the online program accredited?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
7. Which grade levels are offered?	7-12	9-12	9-12	7-12	9-12
8. How flexible are the course deadlines and completion dates?	A one-semester course has a two-week extension, and a two-semester course has a four-week extension built into the schedules.	Each course has a 12-month completion time limit; extra year extension available for a fee.	Each course has a 12-month completion time limit; extensions are available for a fee.	Operated on a traditional U.S. school calendar. Individual assignment extensions available.	Cyber School imposes a 12-month course completion deadline; this may be shortened to one semester by the contracting school.
9. Are courses taught "live" and thus require reliable and sustainable Internet connection?	No	No	No	Yes	No