



K-8 Digital Literacy

State Supported Vendor: Learning.com

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?
All public school districts and charter schools within economically distressed counties (as determined by the NC Department of Commerce Tier 1 designation) are eligible to receive funding. Click here for a list of Tier 1 districts and charter schools. In order to receive funding, Tier 1 districts and charter schools must have their Finance Officer complete an intent-to-contract form by May 10, 2019 (This form was sent directly to Finance Officers, Superintendents, and Charter School Directors within Tier 1 counties beginning on April 2, 2019). A local contract must then be signed with the state selected vendor, Learning.com, no later than July 1, 2019.	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. Tier 1 districts and charter schools also need to have their Finance Officer, Superintendent, or Charter School Director complete the Official NCDPI



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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 may cover the cost of the subscription, professional development, devices, etc.
Will the Tier 1 allotments cover the full price of the solution?	Will there be funding available after the first two initial allotments in 2019?
Yes. The total of the two allotments combined can cover the full cost of the subscription for one year . The vendor has agreed to invoice in installments so that the subscription can be partially paid with the first allotment (May 2019) and then fully paid with the second allotment (early fall 2019).	No. Currently, there is only state funding available in 2019. Any local contracts initiated with the vendor beyond the 2019-20 SY may need to be covered with a different fund source.
Does the May 2019 allotment need to be expended by June 30, 2019?	How are the allotments calculated?
Yes. Any funds from the May 2019 allotment not expended by June 30, 2019 will revert. In order to avoid reversion, it is recommended to use this allotment toward the subscription cost.	Funds are distributed among the LEAs (including the ISD) and charter schools (including lab schools) within Tier 1 counties in proportion to their respective allotted Average Daily Membership (ADM) and first month ADM in grades K-8, respectively. The minimum amount awarded is \$500.00.
What PRC number will be used for these allotments?	
PRC 078 will be used for these allotments.	