

 The logo features a teal silhouette of a person sitting at a desk with a laptop. The letters 'SPS' are written in white on a grey laptop screen. Below the screen, the word 'ONLINE' is written in large, bold, teal capital letters.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>SPS Online Update</i> <i>October 22, 2012</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Submitted by Jane Falls</i> <i>541-726-3298</i> <i><u>jane.falls@springfield.k12.or.us</u></i></p>
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WE'VE LAUNCHED: At Springfield Public Schools, we are passionately dedicated to serving Springfield students right here in Springfield. We know success means opportunities. In the past several years, some 180 students have left our district to join or try online schools such as Oregon Virtual Academy (ORVA) and Oregon Connections Academy (ORCA). Simply put, we want them back. That's why we're committed to providing more options than ever by launching ***SPS Online*** program (***not a school!***) for Fall 2012.

We've forged an exciting new partnership with well-known and highly respected online provider "Connections Learning" to provide online curriculum, instruction and fully qualified, certified teachers for students in grades K-12. No SPS teachers or staff will be displaced.

SPS Online program (remember, it's not a school!) creates powerful new choices. Students can take online classes full or part time, depending on their needs and interests, plus participate in neighborhood school activities such as classes, instructional interventions, special education services, sports, music, clubs, counseling services, statewide and college testing (e.g., OAKS, ACT), college and career planning, extended options (dual college/high school enrollment), parent activities—and eventually graduate with his or her class. We are pleased to offer students and families this new opportunity to have "the best of both worlds". Parents work with neighborhood school administrators to determine school activities and/or classes in which to participate.

Connections Learning offers a wide range of core and elective courses. Differentiation is provided through courses designated "essential", honors, AP, Gifted and Talented. SPS Online students are taking core classes as well as Health and PE, German, Spanish, Latin, Sign Language, game design, digital photography, A wide range of languages are offered: Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Sign Language, Spanish.

THE NUMBERS: As of 10/16/2012:

- I have enrolled 72 students in **SPS Online** program.
- Of the 72, 11 have returned to their neighborhood SPS schools.
- 61 students are enrolled and actively engaged in our **SPS Online** program. Our fall 2012 goal was to have 30 students enrolled, with a goal of 100 by the end of 2012-13. We are clearly well on our way to that goal, and I'm confident, we can increase that number substantially.
- Of the 61 **SPS Online** program students enrolled:
 - 8 Grades 1-5 (2-1st graders, 2-2nd, 1-3rd, 2-4th, 1-5th)
 - 15 Grades 6-8 (3-6th graders, 3-7th, 9-8th)
 - 38 Grades 9-12 (4-9th graders, 12-10th, 13-11th, 9-12th)
 - 4 identified as Talented and Gifted, 7 have IEPs, 6 have 504 plans
 - 28 boys, 33 girls
- Part time/Full Time Online courses
 - 21 are Part time online (4 or fewer online courses)
 - 40 are Full time online (5-8 online courses)
- 20 are online only---they have no classes at their neighborhood school
- 41 are "cross enrolled" in their neighborhood school and **SPS Online** program
 - 5 at Elementary Schools:
 - 1 Centennial
 - 1 Ridgeview
 - 2 Yolanda
 - 1 Thurston Elem
 - 9 at Middle Schools
 - 1 Agnes Stewart
 - 2 Briggs
 - 3 Hamlin
 - 3 TMS
 - 27 at High Schools
 - 12 SHS
 - 15 THS
- Overall Scores
 - 12 with 90-100% (A)
 - 14 with 80-89% (B)
 - 10 with 70-79% (C)
 - 10 with 60-69% (D)
 - 9 with 35-56% (F)
 - 6 just starting so no scores yet
- Provided Computers: 23 students for whom we are leasing a "Connections Learning" owned computer

THE COSTS

Full/Part Time	Semesters	Cost/student up to 50 students	Cost/student over 50 students	Cost/student over 100 students
Full Time Student Seat (5-8 courses)	Two semesters Full Year	\$3750	\$3375	\$3000
Full time student seat (5-8 courses)	One semester Half Year	\$1875	\$1688	\$1500
Part time Cost/Course	Two semesters Full Year	\$750	\$675	\$600
Part time Cost/Course	One semester Half Year	\$375	\$338	\$300
If student leaves for any reason, we place a new student in the purchased seat or course at no additional cost.				
Cost includes: curriculum; materials; customized web-based learning platform; fully qualified and certified teacher; program implementation training and support; “advisory” teacher to monitor student participation and performance, facilitate communication between student, Learning Coach, and subject matter teachers; and technology support.				
Costs go down significantly to use our own teachers. We are working toward that for year-two implementation.				

CHALLENGES and OPPORTUNITIES

- Monitoring student attendance and grades to ensure success
- Marketing for growth of the program in conjunction with open enrollment
- Building a community of online students and families and enhance active support for student success
- Developing SPS Online Website (for enrollment process, sharing success tips)
- Developing online Learning Coaches and a “place” for online students (especially those who are unaccompanied minors)
- Building database to track potential SPS Online students, and electronically maintain interactions leading to SPS Online enrollment
- Evaluating quality of instruction students are receiving and the coordination with our neighborhood schools
- Managing eSIS for attendance, progress reports, grades, student transcripts
- Coordinating OAKS, ACT, PSAT testing and high school graduation requirements (Essential Skills and Extended Application activities) for online students
- Growing SPS Online teachers within our district

Advisory Group

Megan and Susan Bernatzki	ORCA graduate and parent
Tim Vian	ORVA parent
Shari Furtwangler	Two Rivers/Dos Rios Elementary School Principal
Jeff Fuller	Agnes Stewart Middle School Principal
Brandi Starck	Springfield High School Assistant Principal
Al King	SPS School Board Member
Judy Svoboda	Springfield Education Association
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