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# Trust the Leader in Online School, Ohio Digital Learning School is Ready to Start the New School Year

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MAUMEE, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ohio Digital Learning School (**ODLS**), a full-time online public school is ready to kick off the new school year and give students throughout the state a consistent education option designed to help them reach their full potential. ODLS students and teachers will prepare to start the 2021-2022 school year tomorrow, August 17.

For most families, the new school year comes with cautious optimism. Many families realized during the pandemic that attending school online is a safe alternative that allows them to focus on their child's future. According to a recent **survey by Stride, Inc.**, 91 percent of parents agree that it's important for their children to have multiple school options, including full-time online or a hybrid model that blends online and in-person learning. And almost two-thirds of parents would consider full-time online public school after their 2020 pandemic-driven virtual education experience.

Staffed by state-licensed teachers, ODLS offers a personalized approach to learning, delivering rich, engaging curriculum designed to assist students who seek alternative pathways to education. Despite wide-spread evidence of a "COVID slide" of learning loss for students in the U.S. during the pandemic, Stride K12-powered schools like ODLS **reported lower learning loss** rates than those reported in national studies. And in some cases, students enrolled in Stride K12-powered schools experienced learning gains.

"Students choose online learning for a variety of reasons, including advanced learning, a bullying-free environment, and the flexibility to support extracurricular pursuits or medical needs while maintaining a focus on academics," said ODLS Head of School Kate Harkless. "ODLS's online platform gives students the opportunity to pursue their

academic goals in a supportive environment and at an appropriate pace for their learning style.”

Visit [odls.k12.com](https://odls.k12.com) to learn more about ODLS and how to enroll or download the Stride K12 mobile app for iOS and Android devices - where families can enroll, prepare for the first day of school, and monitor students’ academic progress throughout the school year.

## About Ohio Digital Learning School

Ohio Digital Learning School, authorized by the Ohio Council of Community Schools, is a tuition-free online public charter school serving student in grades 9 through 12. As part of the Ohio public school system, ODLS is tuition-free and provides families the choice to access the curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride Company (NYSE: LRN). Stride offers learners of all ages a more effective way to learn and build skills for their future. For more information about ODLS, visit [odls.k12.com](https://odls.k12.com).

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