

Iowa Learning Online (ILO)

Role of the Onsite Coach and the ILO Teacher

Iowa Learning Online (ILO) teachers are highly qualified and appropriately licensed in the State of Iowa with an appropriate endorsement for the high school course(s) they are teaching. ILO teachers are required to demonstrate competency or complete specific coursework in online instruction, and are provided with ongoing professional development learning experiences to enhance their practice.

Local school onsite coaches are critical partners with ILO in ensuring a student's success while navigating the virtual learning journey. Their responsibilities include:

- Serving as a mentor and liaison between students and the ILO teacher.
- Assisting in reinforcing ILO expectations by making sure each student reviews the course syllabus.
- Serving as the student's test proctor and test password protector to ensure the integrity of ILO's assessments.
- Regularly observing their student's progress and student-ILO teacher communications within ILO's course management system.
- Informing ILO regarding any personal or technical issues that may impact a student's ability to successfully participate.

The coach, along with the parent or guardian, and the ILO instructor form a team helping students to become proficient online learners and successfully complete their courses.

Credit Recovery

Iowa Learning Online (ILO) does not currently offer specific courses for credit recovery. Many schools do use ILO courses as an opportunity for offering their students a second attempt at taking an original credit course, allowing students to continue with their academic progress.

Course Costs

Iowa Learning Online (ILO) currently charges \$250, per course enrollment, per semester. During the fall and spring semesters, public schools *may not* pass on ILO course costs to the parent or guardian. During the summer semester, public schools *may* pass on ILO course costs to the parent or guardian. Accredited non-public schools *may* pass on ILO course costs to the parent or guardian during fall, spring and summer semesters.

Iowa Code, Section 282.6

World Language Courses

Iowa Learning Online (ILO) currently offers Spanish 1-5, French 1-5, German 1-3, Chinese 1-2, and Latin 1-2.

The lower levels of each world language focus on basic vocabulary, grammar patterns, comprehension, simple conversations, and culture. The upper levels of each world language focus on fluency and total immersion of the student by listening, writing, speaking, and reading in the language. The upper levels also place a great emphasis on student construction and verbalization of original content.

In all levels, students devote approximately a quarter of their time to each of the following areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. To replicate a face-to-face environment, a number of communication mechanisms have been built into the ILO course management system (Canvas). Additionally, each teacher has a license for use of the desktop/mobile device videoconferencing product, ZOOM.

Each course module contains tasks, practice sessions, opportunities to listen to and record video and audio. Student-teacher conversations stream back and forth via video and audio. Unit assessments include speaking, reading, and writing assessments. Teachers provide written, video and audio feedback to students. ZOOM group and one-on-one sessions provide time for student discussions, group projects, and native speaker interactions, as well as for questions, practice and assessments.