**How do I know if a charter school qualifies as a Virtual Public Charter School?**

This document is designed to help public charter schools and school districts determine whether or not a charter school qualifies as a virtual public charter school as defined in Oregon law. Public charter schools that meet the definition of a virtual public charter school have additional requirements set forth in ORS 338.120. If you have questions, please contact: [kate.pattison@state.or.us](mailto:kate.pattison@state.or.us)

1. **Does the charter school offers online courses?**

**(ORS 338.005(6)(a) Do ANY of the online courses meet ALL of the following criteria?)**

(a) Instruction and content are delivered primarily on a computer using the internet other electronic network or other technology such as CDs or DVDs;

(b) The student and teacher are in different physical locations for a majority of the student’s instructional period while participating in the course;

(c) The online instructional activities are integral to the academic program of the school as described in its charter; and

(d) The student is not required to be located at the physical location of a school while participating in the course.

**OAR 581-026-0300 (2)**

**ANSWER: NO - The school is NOT a virtual public charter school**

**ANSWER: YES - But, the charter school serves students primarily in a physical location**

**ORS 338.005(6)(b)**

1. **Does the charter school meet ALL of the following criteria?**

(a) More than 50 percent of the core courses offered by the school are offered at a physical location and are not online courses:

(b) More than 50 percent of the total number of students attending the school are receiving instructional services at a physical location and not in an online course; and

(c) More than 50 percent of the minimum number of instructional hours required to be provided to students by the school under OAR 581-022-1620 during a school year are provided at a physical location and not through an online course.

**OAR 581-026-0300 (3)**

**ANSWER: YES - The school IS a virtual public charter school**

**ANSWER: NO - The school IS NOT a virtual public charter school**