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Credit Recovery Options

The DLC offers two primary credit recovery solutions for students who have taken a class but failed to earn credit.

Online Courses

ClassTools

- Tuition-based
- Taught by online instructors

- Included in DLC membership
- Taught by your staff

- Credit recovery courses are offered by Aventa Learning and Internet Academy. They rely upon diagnostic assessments to identify those standards that students have already met, thereby enabling them to focus on concepts and skills that are yet to be mastered.
- As with all online courses taken through the DLC, the online teachers of those courses meet NCLB “highly qualified” standards.
- For the online courses option, refer to the [Online Courses QuickStart Guide](#)¹ for information on how to get started with online credit retrieval courses.

- ClassTools content includes a mix of computer-scored assessments and teacher-scored assessment, so schools need to consider how to bring subject-area teachers into the process when scoring student work.
- ClassTools classrooms can be customized to meet individual student needs by hiding or revealing content, activities and assessments from student view.
- For the ClassTools option, use the online [DLC Training Request form](#)² to request a ClassTools training or review the [ClassTools resource page](#)³, then [create a ClassTools teacher account](#)⁴.

Suggested implementation strategies:

- Designate a credit retrieval program coordinator and provide that person sufficient time to become familiar with both the online courses and the ClassTools options. Include time to meet with and/or communicate with DLC school support staff.
- If you are having trouble determining whether individual students are better candidates for tuition-based online courses or ClassTools, call the DLC (800-890-8592).
- Schedule frequent blocks of time (e.g., zero hour, lunch, after school, Saturday) for credit retrieval students to meet with the Credit Retrieval Program Coordinator.

The issuance of course credit for any online or ClassTools-based course is a local decision. The DLC plays no role in that determination.



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Link References:

- [Online Courses QuickStart Guide¹](http://www.learningcommons.org/educators/schoolsupport/toolkits/quickstart-guides/quickstart_courses.pdf)
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