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ONLINE TOOLKIT

FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



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Christian Online Learning Benefits

Online learning is a powerful way for Christian schools to extend their mission and meet the evolving needs of today's students. Whether you're exploring blended learning or launching a fully online option, this toolkit will guide you through the key components of building a successful, Christ-centered online program.

Benefits

- **Expand Course Offerings:** Provide advanced, elective, or hard-to-staff subjects without hiring additional faculty.
- **Support Diverse Learners:** Serve students with unique academic, health, athletic, or family needs through flexible learning.
- **Retain Enrollment:** Offer continuity when families consider leaving due to scheduling conflicts, relocation, or special circumstances.
- **Attract New Students:** Reach beyond your geographic area with full-time or part-time online options.
- **Maintain a Biblical Foundation:** Ensure students receive rigorous, biblically integrated instruction—even in virtual formats.
- **Adapt to Staffing Challenges:** Solve teacher shortages or specialty subject gaps with qualified online instructors.
- **Build Long-Term Resilience:** Future-proof your school by integrating flexible, scalable learning solutions.
- **Enhance Missional Impact:** Use online tools to reach more students and families with your school's Christ-centered mission.
- **Support Blended Learning Models:** Complement in-person instruction with online flexibility, especially for upper grades.

"Sevenstar has greatly helped our school by expanding our course offerings, especially AP classes we don't provide. It's also a valuable resource when students can't attend in-person or families relocate temporarily overseas."

-Ann R., Partner School

Fast Facts

Established in 2006
K-12th grade
200+ courses
600+ school partners served
Cognia approved
NCAA approved
ACSI member
College Board-approved AP®
courses

10 Essential Steps to Launch Your Online Program

1 Clarify Your Vision and Goals

Before building your program, ensure your school community is aligned on:

- The type of program (as-needed, blended, fully online)
- The target audience (specific students, full enrollment options)
- The intended benefits (flexibility, expanded offerings, faith formation)
- Alignment with your mission and the needs of your families

Sevenstar can sit down with your team to help draft a vision statement and identify clear next steps to ensure program success.

2 Identify the Right Online Partner

Look for a provider that offers:

- Accreditation (e.g., Cognia, ACSI)
- Biblically integrated curriculum
- Certified Christian educators
- Third-party course approvals (NCAA, UC A-G)
- Flexible course models (a la carte, AP, credit recovery, dual credit)
- White-label options so your school brand remains front and center
- Ongoing support and collaboration

Sevenstar provides over 200+ accredited, biblically integrated online courses with certified Christian instructors. In addition, we offer personalized consultation during implementation—helping you design policies, staffing plans, and launch strategies tailored to your school’s mission. We also provide hands-on onboarding, structured training, a help desk, and ongoing monitoring support to ensure your program continues to grow and thrive.

3 Define Your School's Unique Value-Add

Make it clear to families why they should enroll in your school's online program

- Expanded course offerings
- Flexibility for student-athletes
- Support for health-related absences
- Continuity through relocation or disruption
- Personalized pacing and reduced stress

Tip: Your program is more than content delivery—it's an extension of your school's culture.

4 Develop a Financial and Staffing Model

Consider:

- Course payment made by parents or covered by the school
- Payment logistics and budgeting for provider fees
- Overseeing of online program and if developing a large program which roles may need to be hired

Tip: Start small and be sure to provide parents with all of the information they need in order to make this successful for your school.

5 Ensure Proper Tech Infrastructure

Your tech setup should support learning, not hinder it.

- Reliable student devices (laptops or tablets)
- High-speed internet
- Filtering software
- Tech support plan for students and families
- Whitelisting key platforms (e.g., [sevenstar.org](https://www.sevenstar.org), [agilixbuzz.com](https://www.agilixbuzz.com))

Lab Monitor Tools: Consider software that allows screen monitoring and tab locking to keep students on task.

6 Launch Strategically with a Pilot Program

Start small:

- Choose a small group of students and staff
- Monitor progress and gather feedback
- Work out technology and policy issues
- Avoid launching large-scale until systems are in place
- Be clear in your vision and program communications both internally and externally

Tip: A messy launch can create stress and reduce the success of the program.

7 Assign Clear Staff Roles

While you do not have to hire specific roles to oversee an online program it is helpful to ensure someone can act as the main liason. This role helps with:

- Communication to/from Sevenstar
- Registration and billing
- Progress monitoring
- Parent liason

Tip: Regardless of whether you are adding a few responsibilities to a current employee or hiring someone to specifically oversee an online program be sure to clearly define their duties and roles and communicate those with staff, parents, and Sevenstar.



8 Establish Clear Policies and Procedures

Key questions to answer:

- What academic integrity measures are in place?
- Will online onstudents be expected to attend in-person meetings or events?
- Will online only students still participate in school activities?

9 Prepare Onboarding Resources

Create:

- Orientation information
- Make note of online program policies in school handbooks
- Academic expectations documents
- Tech requirement guides

10 Plan for Long-Term Success

Sevenstar will schedule regular check-ins to ensure your program is running smoothly, but consider these tips for online success as well:

- Complete Sevenstar training modules
- Schedule regular team meetings to review your program
- Read and reference Sevenstar's Partner School Handbook periodically
- Watch for important updates from Sevenstar via emails and school partners newsletters

Tip: Strong collaboration and communication are the backbone of sustainable online success.

Adding Sevenstar courses to our regularly scheduled offerings has given our students the opportunity to explore topics that we may not already have in our course catalog. We are able to assist students with a wide variety of offerings ranging from credit recovery to dual credit. Implementing courses was seamless and the level of support that we receive from Sevenstar is incredible!

—Jana H., Silverdale Baptist Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this guide right for small or big schools?

Whether you're adding one course or launching a fully online program, it's tailored for every size.

Do we need to commit to Sevenstar long-term?

Not at all. You're welcome to work with Sevenstar for as long or as short as you need. Whether you need us to get your program off the ground or just want ad-hoc support along the way, we're flexible. Many schools partner with Sevenstar for a season—like during a pilot or specific course launch—and then continue at a pace that fits their needs.

What about tech and staffing support?

We provide a comprehensive tech checklist, best practice recommendations, and ongoing help desk support—so even schools with limited infrastructure can succeed.

Can we brand the courses ourselves?

Yes! Our white-label options let the program fully reflect your school's identity.

Can Sevenstar help if we're in an emergency and need online coverage fast?

Absolutely. Our fully asynchronous courses and certified Christian instructors can be activated very quickly. Whether you're facing a sudden teacher absence or another urgent situation, Sevenstar can provide fast, flexible online instruction to keep your students on track.

Case Study:

Education in the Midst of a Crisis

Kyiv Christian Academy

Kyiv, Ukraine

Partnered with Sevenstar since 2023

Director: Eric Moore

Founded in 1993, Kyiv Christian Academy (KCA) serves missionary, Ukrainian, and international families in Kyiv.



Challenge

Following a year-long closure due to the 2022 Russian invasion, KCA reopened in August 2023, initially serving only Pre-K-6. With limited capacity to recruit in-person certified teachers for grades 7-12, KCA faced a significant barrier to relaunching its full secondary program.

How Sevenstar Helped

In response, KCA partnered with Sevenstar to implement a blended learning model:

- **On-Site Supervision:** Local teachers and staff provided classroom management, learning support, and spiritual encouragement.
- **Online Learning Through Sevenstar:** Students accessed core academic content through Sevenstar's accredited platform, taught by certified Christian educators.
- **Flexible Learning Spaces:** Students gathered in a shared classroom to work on laptops and moved to quiet rooms for one-on-one assessments and discussions.
- **Ongoing Support:** Staff monitored progress, ensured accountability, and provided personalized help to meet each student's needs.

This blend of local presence and digital instruction enabled KCA to rebuild sustainably and faithfully.

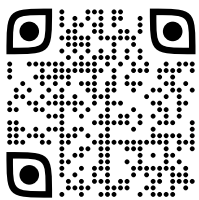


"This partnership with Sevenstar Academy is what made our program possible and viable for the families that desire to be in Kyiv. Even though we couldn't staff the full program, Sevenstar came alongside us, believing in the value of our school and helping us stay open to serve. I'm just really thankful." — Eric Moore, Director

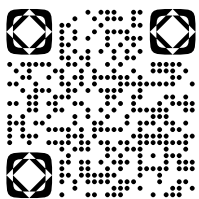


Let's Partner Together

Whether you're exploring the possibilities of online learning or ready to expand your program, Sevenstar is here to help. With biblical integration, academic rigor, and more than 20 years of online education experience, our team is ready to partner with you. Learn more at Sevenstar.org or by scanning the QR codes below.



We'd love to connect! Request a consultation or course demo, or click on Exploring an Online Program to learn more.



Take a look at our course offerings to explore the biblically integrated, academically rigorous options we provide for students.

Have questions? We're happy to help you learn more.

Email us at support@sevenstar.org.



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