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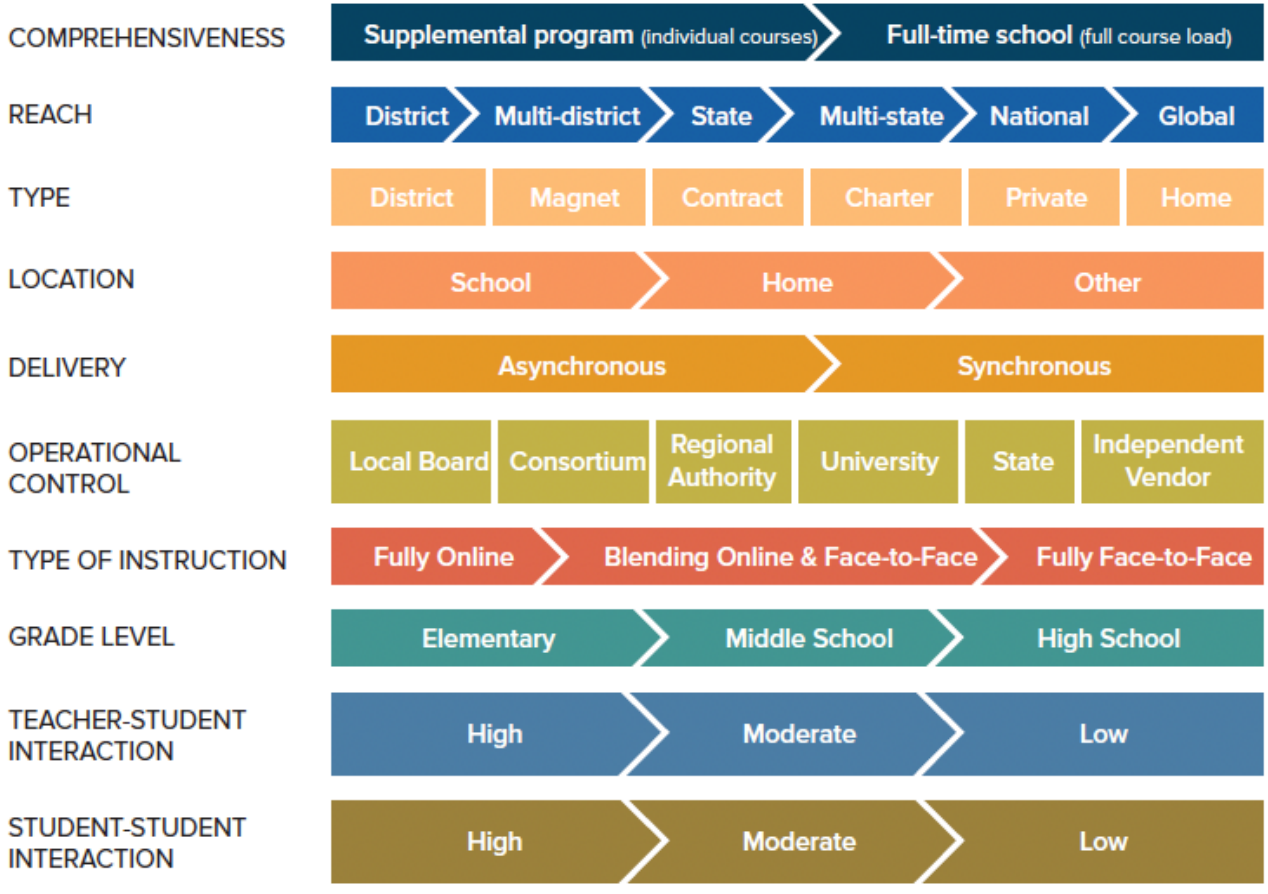
KEEPING PACE WITH DIGITAL LEARNING

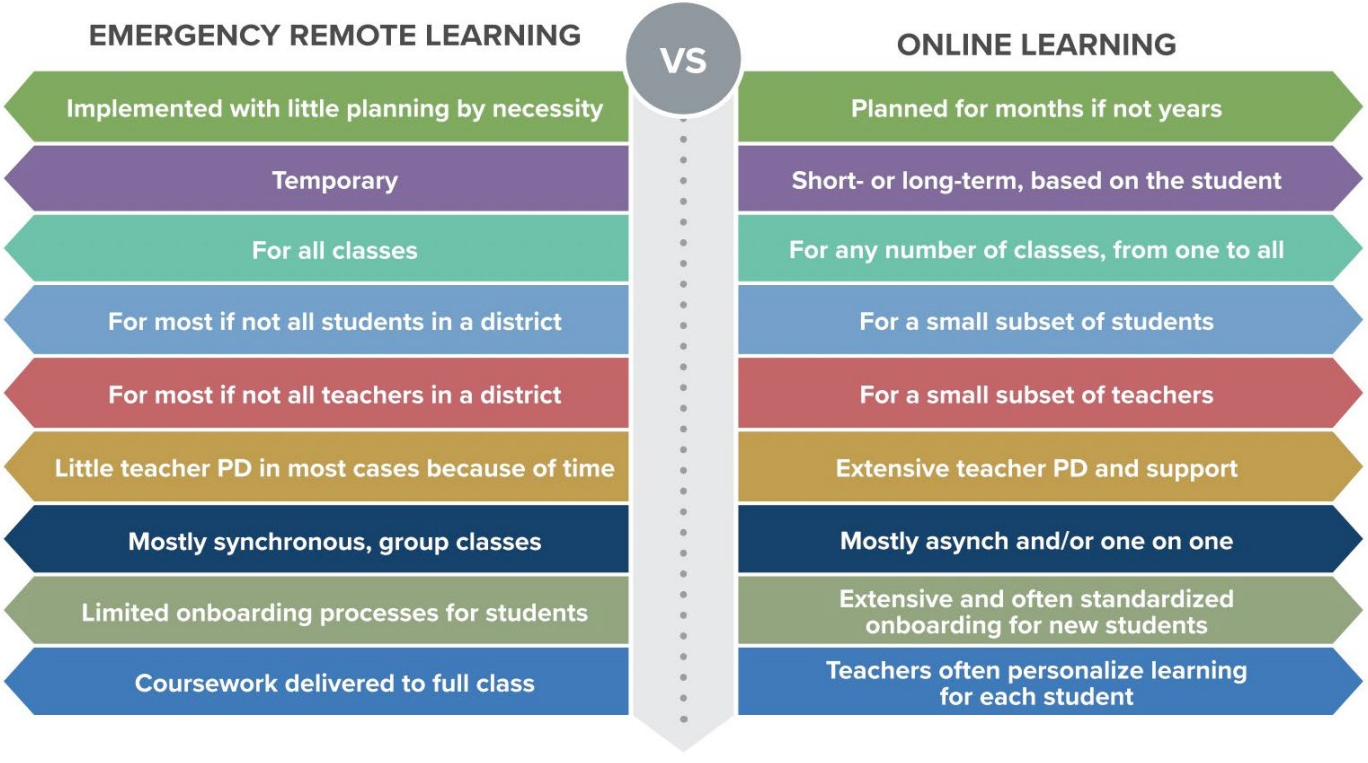
FIGURE 1: The Defining Dimensions of Online Programs



Contrasting emergency remote learning and online learning

When physical schools closed and instruction shifted from brick-and-mortar classrooms to teaching primarily via live video, many observers said that these schools were now online.

But emergency remote learning looked very different from the instruction that experienced online educators had developed over decades.



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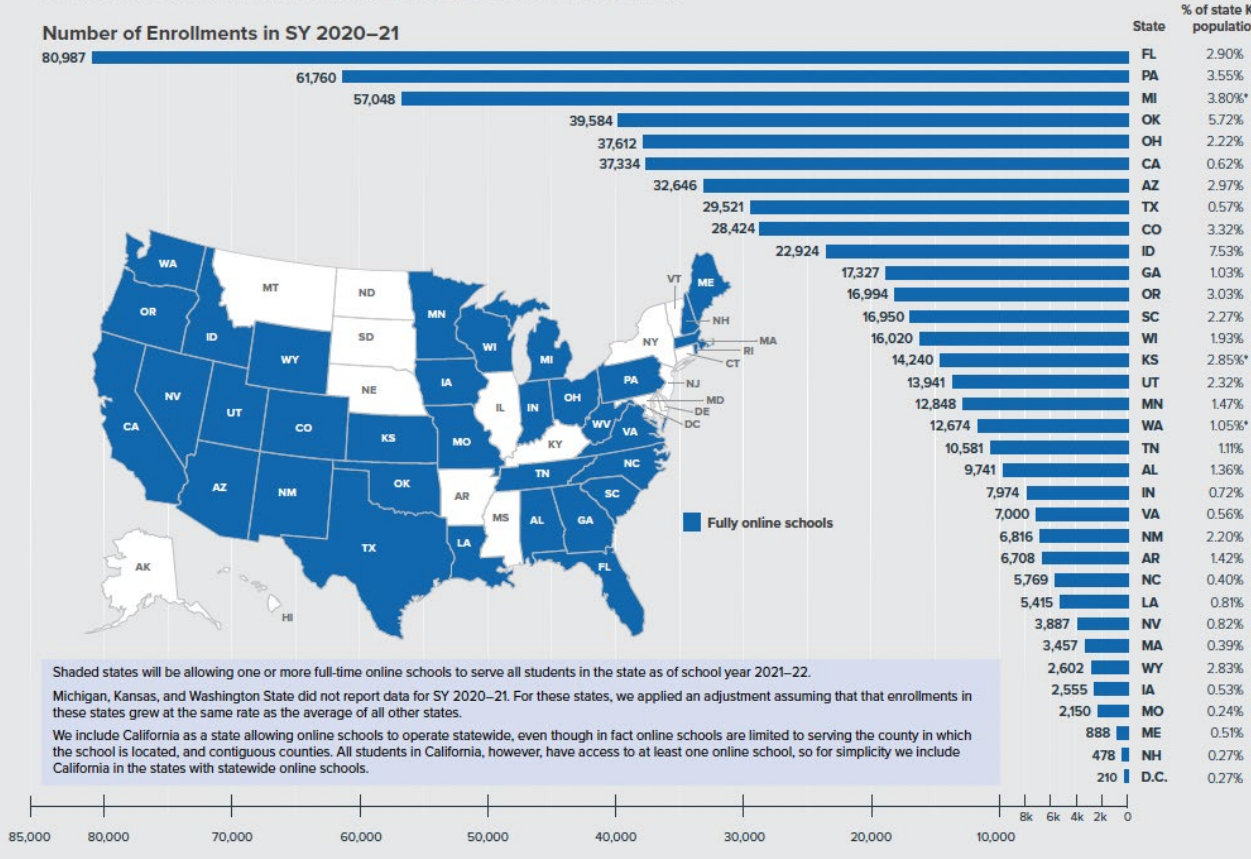
States with Statewide Fully Online Schools

Number of student enrollments by state and percentage of state's K–12 population



Shaded states will be allowing one or more full-time online schools to serve all students in the state as of school year 2021–22.

Michigan, Kansas, and Washington State did not report data for SY 2020–21. For these states, we applied an adjustment assuming that that enrollments in these states grew at the same rate as the average of all other states.

We include California as a state allowing online schools to operate statewide, even though in fact online schools are limited to serving the county in which the school is located, and contiguous counties. All students in California, however, have access to at least one online school, so for simplicity we include California in the states with statewide online schools.

*National trend applied because latest data not available

SPACE: A physical school building combined with students learning from home, libraries, coffee shops, etc.

TIME: A combination of onsite and online, in almost any combination that's not 100% of either. Most hybrid schools are somewhere closer to the middle of the continuum, or have options for students to be along the middle of the continuum.

CONTENT: Online content supports learning to free some teacher and to focus ships. Content includes SEL and PBL components.

TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM: Supports teacher understanding of student's academic status in a class, and "champion" understanding of student's academic standing across classes, as well as "life status."

RELATIONSHIPS: Hybrid schools prioritize relationships between students and adults, who serves as students' champions, mentors, and supporters. These adults may be teachers, counselors, or have other titles.