

**What:** East Shore Online Connect 7-8 provides services for students wishing to temporarily take part of their educational plan online in place of classes at a traditional school. Connect students are exchanging traditional classes with online classes. For 7-8th students, instruction focuses on math, language arts, science, and social studies. ESO Connect students should keep at least two classes at their home school. 7th and 8th grade students wishing a full online curriculum in a more permanent setting should consider Alpine Online.

**Who:** ESO Connect 7-8 serves all Alpine students 7-8 who are missing 3 or more of their scheduled classes and want to replace it temporarily with online content. Students needing support of medical, emotional, or other needs are good candidates for the Connect program.

### **Levels of Support:**

Connect students receive instruction through online asynchronous courses from home. Students participate in weekly or daily video conference check ins with a teacher to set goals and follow up on progress.

### **How to Sign Up:**

School counselors or administrators can start the process through this [referral form](#). A video conference intake meeting will be held with ESO Exchange personnel, the student, parent, and school counselor or administrator to establish supports.

### **Other Information:**

- Participation in ESO Exchange is voluntary. No forced referrals from schools are permitted. Students who may have previously been referred through school placement at the Focus Center for a timeout may be candidates for the Alpine Citizenship Center.
- ESO courses do not offer specialized instruction, so Special Education or 504 students should be served through specialized instruction at the home school. ESO teachers can provide accommodations as outlined in IEP and 504 plans.
- Home school exemption?