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U.S. Secretary of Education praises Utah school

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During a recent speech in which U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan unveiled a final version of a National Education Technology Plan, he held up one Utah schools as an example of what to do. From his speech:

"... But we know we are not starting from scratch. Right now, your states are offering courses through virtual high schools.

These online schools provide learning opportunities and expand access to Advanced Placement and other courses to thousands of students who otherwise wouldn't be able to take them.

For example, the **Open High School in Utah** is offering students the chance to be learners anywhere and at anytime.

Through the school, students are learning online through next-generation learning technology and one-on-one tutoring. Learning opportunities are accessible every day, 24/7.

The students study as their schedules allow. They advance as quickly as they want to and are able to.

Teachers give extra time to students who need it--and they challenge those who are ready to move ahead.

These are the types of individual attention and personalized instruction that are essential for their success."

To see the full text of the speech and/or to learn more about the technology plan, <u>click here</u>. To read more about the Open High School and one of its award winning teachers <u>go here</u>.

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