

## ALE Application: Courses vs. Classes

In the ALE Application, there is a distinct difference between Courses and Classes. Here we will outline those differences.

**Courses:** In the ALE Application, a Course can be created and saved, with all of the attached content. Once created, these courses become a template of sorts - available to copy directly to Written Student Learning Plans or used to Schedule Class Meetings based on that content.

- Courses can include goals, objectives, standards, learning activities, and methods of evaluation and timelines
- District approved curriculum, materials needed and other resources can be outlined
- Once built, a course template stays active in your catalog until is made inactive
- When a template is copied to a student learning plan, you may then individualize that content for the student without affecting the course template itself

**Additional Documentation about Creating Courses can be found [here](#).**

**Classes:** In the ALE application, you have the ability to schedule a “Class.” A class has certain characteristics:

- It involves a group of students
- There is a regular time and place the class meets in a certain location, for a certain term (semester/quarter)
- The class may or may not be tied to a course
- Classes can be added to a student schedule (by parents, if set up that way, the certificated teacher or a registrar)
- Attendance can be recorded for the class (and if done by a certificated teacher, this will generate weekly contact records)

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**OSPI defines this difference as**

“Courses are units of study, i.e., English 9, geometry, grade 3 comprehensive studies, Science 8. Classes are in-person experiences that *support* the courses listed on a student’s WSLP. Students may only be enrolled in classes that have a direct connection to the courses on their WSLP. For example: A student with only ELA, Math 6, Social Studies on their WSLP may not take a science class in horticulture, but a student in a 6th grade comprehensive course may.”