Evaluation of the 4 Online Ed Credit Recovery Programs

	Plato Learning	Aventa
Strengths	• Any classroom teacher could use videos and tutorials • Translation available (but limited) • Used in another local somewhat similar district • Tutorials seemed student friendly • A-G approved • Curriculum not a teacher	• Looked interactive with animation • Multimedia—multiple learning styles • Stay up on technology • WASC A-G • larrge selection of courses
Price/costs	• $1200 per license annual • $5000 training	$50 per course per kid??? $2000 for 10 seats
Weaknesses	• Costs higher than comparable programs • Appears too hard for a lot of kids who are credit recovery • Very text based in samples • Translation word for word • Cost very high • Cultural relevant? Not in the samples (beach umbrellas, crickets) • Access at home to computers • Limited number log on at once • Question whether appropriate for target students	• Reading all below grade level in all courses • Seek role way beyond credit recovery with a goal focused on profit • Evasive about pricing • Potentially could displace teachers;

	Cyber High	Odysseyware
Strengths	• California based • Built by a school district • Require a teacher. • 1 credit at a time • No site license • They submit transcript from their end • Low cost; pay only for you complete • Free training • Public entity • Simple format may be best for students---easy? • Quick credit recovery w little risk	• Designed for curriculum delivery • Designed for at risk kids • Career-tech component • Teacher tool not replacement • Testing for proper placement & ability to customize • Interactive • Favorable pricing structure to involve different groups different times of the day • 90% graded by Odysseyware can juggle many classes. • The teacher could be anyone.
PRice	$60-80 per 5 unit course	$600-700 per portal; can share at different times
Weaknesses	• Inflexible content; no adapting • Grade automatic based on test • Fresno transcripts/grading • Home browser obsolete • Boring/text based • Can become a dumping ground class • Requires books and homework supplementing; costs unknown	• Credentialing concerns and issuing of grade if not K-12 multiple • Translations weak • Students tend to skip optional things • Lincoln had only avg of 2 credits per quarter instead of 2.5 in another. • Training costs high--$3500 for one day plus webinar (may not need training; do through collaboration) • Not A-G approved but are close to getting approved