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It depends on **what the school will put online**. A site with information, enrolment and e-mail for the teachers fits an ordinary shared plan. A learning platform, where students log in, do exercises and hand in work, is another thing: it weighs more, because every connected student makes the server work and none of it comes from cache. Decide first which of the two yours is.

Three levels of project

What the school wants	What it asks of the plan
A site with courses, timetables and contacts	Little. An ordinary plan, with attention to images and downloadable documents.
E-mail for teachers and the office	Disk and sending. Mailboxes share the site's disk, and notices to parents or students add up messages per hour. See **e-mail inside a hosting plan or a separate professional e-mail plan**.
A learning platform (Moodle or similar)	A lot more. Many students at once, a growing database, files uploaded by students. Start with the Business line and watch the usage.

If you will run a learning platform

1. **Pick the platform and check what it asks.** The cPanel installer (Softaculous) includes Moodle and other learning platforms. Installing is easy; keeping them updated is on you. See **how far our support goes**.

2. **Count the students logged in at the same time**, not the enrolled ones. A hundred enrolled students taking a test at the same hour weigh like a hundred simultaneous requests. See **how many visitors a hosting plan can handle**.

3 **Put lesson videos on a video service** and embed them in the platform. Serving video to many people at once spends the plan's bandwidth and is not what it is for. See **what you can host here: media, streaming, Windows and the limits**.

4 **Rehearse with one class** before opening to everyone, watching **Resource Usage** in cPanel while the class uses the platform.

Going up for the school year, down afterwards

A school has a calendar: usage climbs at enrolment and exams and drops in the holidays. You can move up before the busy period and down afterwards, but before going down check that what you use fits the smaller plan, because an account over its limit stops working properly. See **changing plan and how the amount is settled**.

Exam and enrolment seasons are the peaks.
A plan that is fine in an ordinary week can be tight on test day. If the date is known, prepare: **preparing for a traffic spike**. If the platform grows until it needs services of its own and root access, the next step is a VPS, as explained in **shared hosting vs VPS**.

Student and minors' data
call for care: strong passwords, separate accounts by role and backups you have tested. See **making and keeping your own backup**.

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Want to put a learning platform online and unsure of the plan? Tell us how many students and which platform, and we will guide you.

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Situation	Plan	Why
A school site with courses, timetables and teachers' mailboxes	Pro	1 site, 10 GB NVMe SSD and unlimited mailboxes on the school domain
A site plus notices to parents, or a separate site per course	Plus	6 sites, 20 GB NVMe SSD and 200 e-mails per hour for the notices

Situation	Plan	Why
A learning platform such as Moodle with students logged in	Ultra or Business	unlimited sites, 30 GB on Ultra and 50 to 200 GB on Business, with unlimited databases

WHEN TO MOVE UP: move up when the number of students connected at the same time grows, when uploaded work fills the disk, or when notices reach the hourly e-mail ceiling (100 on Pro, 200 on Plus, 300 on Ultra). You can go up before enrolment and exams, keeping the site, but before going down check that what you use fits the smaller plan. When the platform needs services of its own and root access, the next step is a VPS, from VPS1 (1 vCPU, 2 GB RAM, 40 GB NVMe) upwards.

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- How many visitors can a hosting plan handle
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