

DISTRICT FRANCHISES OF FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Florida school districts may operate their own franchises of Florida Virtual School (FLVS). District franchises offer FLVS middle and high school courses to public, private and home education students who reside within the district. District administrators operate the franchises and district teachers provide the instruction. FLVS provides professional development and mentoring for district teachers and administrators, the curriculum and numerous learning resources and tools.

DISTRICT VIRTUAL COURSE OFFERINGS

Districts may offer individual virtual courses under section 1003.498, Florida Statutes. These courses may be offered to full-time students in district school settings or to students who meet one of the eligibility criteria outside of traditional school settings. In addition, eligible students from other districts may enroll in these courses if they are not offered online or face-to-face in their home district or school.

Charter Virtual Education VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

Approved virtual charter schools serve full-time students in grades K-12 who meet the eligibility requirements. The virtual charter school must contract with an approved private provider or with Florida Virtual School for its virtual instruction program.

BLENDED LEARNING

Approved Charter schools may offer a combination of traditional classroom and online instruction serving full-time students enrolled in a brick and mortar charter school.

Where do I go for more information?

Division of Public Schools, Virtual Education
www.fldoe.org/Schools/virtual-schools

Email: VirtualEducation@fldoe.org

Florida Virtual School Full-time (FLVS FT)
www.flvsft.com

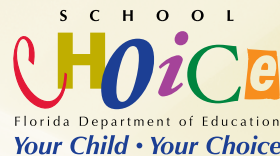
Florida Virtual School – Part-time (FLVS PT)
www.flvs.com

Florida School District Programs
www.fldoe.org/Schools/virtual-schools.asp

Toll-Free School Choice Hotline
1 (800) 447-1636
www.floridaschoolchoice.org



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Virtual Education



What is Virtual Education?

- An Internet-based program that takes place in an interactive learning environment created through technology
- One-on-one and group instruction is delivered by state and nationally certified teachers

What are Florida's K12 Virtual Education Options?

Options include:

- Florida Virtual School (state-level)
- District virtual instruction programs
- District franchises of Florida Virtual School
- Virtual courses delivered to students in traditional public schools
- District virtual course offerings (outside of virtual instruction programs and franchises)
- Virtual charter schools

*Florida's K12 Virtual Education Options Chart — www.fldoe.org/Schools/virtual-schools/pdf/veof.pdf

Who is eligible?

Students who enroll in most of the above options must meet at least one of the following criteria specified in section 1002.455, Florida Statutes:

- a. The student has spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in this state and was enrolled and reported by a public school district for funding during the preceding October and February Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) surveys.
- b. The student is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last 12 months to this state from another state or from a foreign country pursuant to the parent's permanent change of station orders.

- c. The student was enrolled during the prior school year in a school district virtual instruction program under this section or a K-8 virtual school program under Section 1002.415, Florida Statutes.
- d. The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in the school district virtual instruction program and that sibling was enrolled in such program at the end of the prior school year
- e. The student is eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade.
- f. The student is eligible to enter grades 2 through 5 and is enrolled full-time in a school district virtual instruction program, virtual charter school, or the Florida Virtual School.

State Virtual Education FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL (FLVS)

- FLVS Full-time (FLVS FT) — operates two full-time schools at the state level to serve public school students in grades K-12. In addition, school districts and virtual charter schools may also contract with Florida Virtual School to provide the FLVS FT program to district public school students.
- FLVS Part-time (FLVS PT) — operates three supplemental schools to serve students in grades K-12. FLVS PT Grades 6-8 and FLVS PT Grades 9-12 offer over 125 online courses for middle and high school public, private and home education students. The new supplemental elementary school will begin operation in 2012-13 with a few online courses at selected grade levels. Part-time elementary students must meet one of the eligibility criteria designated above.



District Virtual Education DISTRICT VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (VIP)

VIP programs provide instruction to eligible district students using online and distance education technology in a nontraditional classroom, i.e., primarily outside of public school buildings. In practice, most students access the online instruction from their homes.

A school district virtual instruction program shall provide the following:

- Full-time virtual instruction for students in grades K-12
- Part-time virtual instruction for students enrolled in grade K-12 courses that are measured by FCAT, End of Course (EOC), or AP exams
- Full-time or part-time virtual instruction for students enrolled in dropout prevention and academic intervention programs, DJJ programs, core courses to meet class size requirements and (Florida) college courses which are part of the district's virtual instruction programs