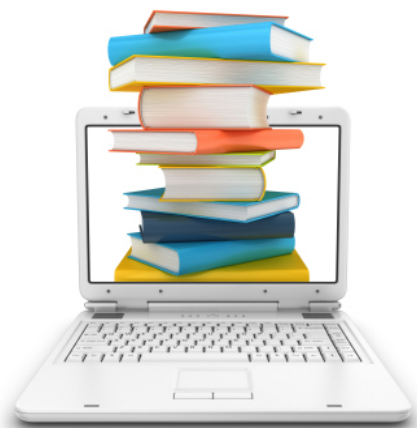


Florida's Public Virtual Education Programs



Virtual Education in Florida

Florida is a nationally recognized leader in K-12 virtual education. Florida has the largest state virtual school in the nation, Florida Virtual School (FLVS), and all school districts in Florida offer online schools, programs and/or courses. Teachers must hold Florida teaching certificates and the curriculum must align with state standards. Full-time public virtual school students participate in state assessments, and full-time schools and programs receive school grades through Florida's accountability system.

Check out the *Florida Online Course Catalog*
to find what virtual courses are being offered across the state!
<http://app4.fldoe.org/coursecatalog/>

Virtual Program/ School	Program Type	Grade Levels Served	Student Eligibility	2015-16 Enrollments
State Level				
Florida Virtual School (FLVS)	Part Time	K-1 and 6-12 2-5	All Students Per s. 1002.455	394,069 course completions
Florida Virtual School Full Time (FLVS FT)	Full Time	K-12	All Students	7,705 unique students
District Level				
District Franchise of FLVS	Part Time	Same as FLVS	Same as FLVS	83,626 total course completions (PT + FT)
	Full Time			
District Virtual Instruction Program (VIP); Provider or District Operated	Part Time	K-1 2-12	All Students Per s. 1002.455	2,708 unique students
	Full Time	K-5 6-12	All Students Per s. 1002.455	2,516 unique students
District Virtual Course Offerings	Part Time	K-1 2-12	All Students Per s. 1002.455	14,862 unique students
Virtual Charter Schools	Full Time	K-5 6-12	All Students Per s. 1002.455	1,581 unique students



State Virtual Education – Florida Virtual School

- FLVS Full Time – Operates two full-time schools at the state level to serve public school students in grades K-12. School districts and virtual charter schools may also contract with FLVS to provide the FLVS FT program to district public school students.
- FLVS Flex – Operates three supplemental schools to serve students in grades K-12. FLVS Flex offers over 150 online courses for middle and high school public, private and home education students. FLVS Flex also offers selected courses to eligible elementary students.

District Virtual Education

- District Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) – Provides full-time and part-time instruction for students in grades K-12. All districts must provide at least one VIP option at all grade levels.
- District Franchises of Florida Virtual School – Florida school districts may operate their own franchises of FLVS. 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 – 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.

Virtual Charter Schools

- Virtual Charter Schools - Serves 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.

Statutes Impacting Virtual Education

- Section 1002.20(6) (a), F.S., related to educational choice, lists virtual instruction programs and Florida Virtual School as educational choice options.
- Section 1002.45 F.S., related to virtual instruction programs, sets guidelines for operating a VIP.
- Section 1002.37, F.S., establishes Florida Virtual School for the development and delivery of online and distance learning education.
- Section 1003.498, F.S., related to district virtual course offerings, allows students enrolled in the district to register and enroll in online courses offered by their school district and by any other school district in the state.
- Section 1002.455, F.S., outlines student eligibility for some virtual programs and courses.
- Section 1003.4282(4), F.S., related to the online course graduation requirement; students seeking a standard diploma are required to complete at least one online course.

District Contacts:

Each school district has a virtual school liaison. A list of district liaisons can be found here:

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/virtual-edu/directories/district-virtual-contacts.stml>

Florida Virtual School Contact:

<http://www.flvs.net/areas/contactus/Pages/default.aspx>