



# K-8 Virtual School Pilot

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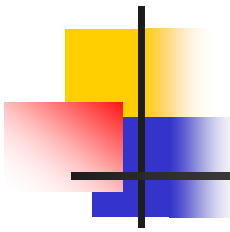
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# The 2003 Florida Legislature Created the K-8 Virtual School Pilot

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- Appropriated \$4.8 Million
- Provided maximum per student funding of \$4,800
- Authorized the creation of at least two independent public pilot K-8 virtual schools
- Limited enrollment to public school students



# Eligibility Requirements to Participate in the Pilot Program

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- Schools must deliver a 180-day, full-time educational program using on-line and distance learning technology
- All curriculum and course content must conform to Sunshine State Standards
- All students in grades 3-8 must take the FCAT
- All grade K-2 students must participate in locally-administered assessments
- All teachers must be certified in Florida

# Two Pilot K-8 Virtual Schools

- Florida Connections Academy
- Florida Virtual Academy





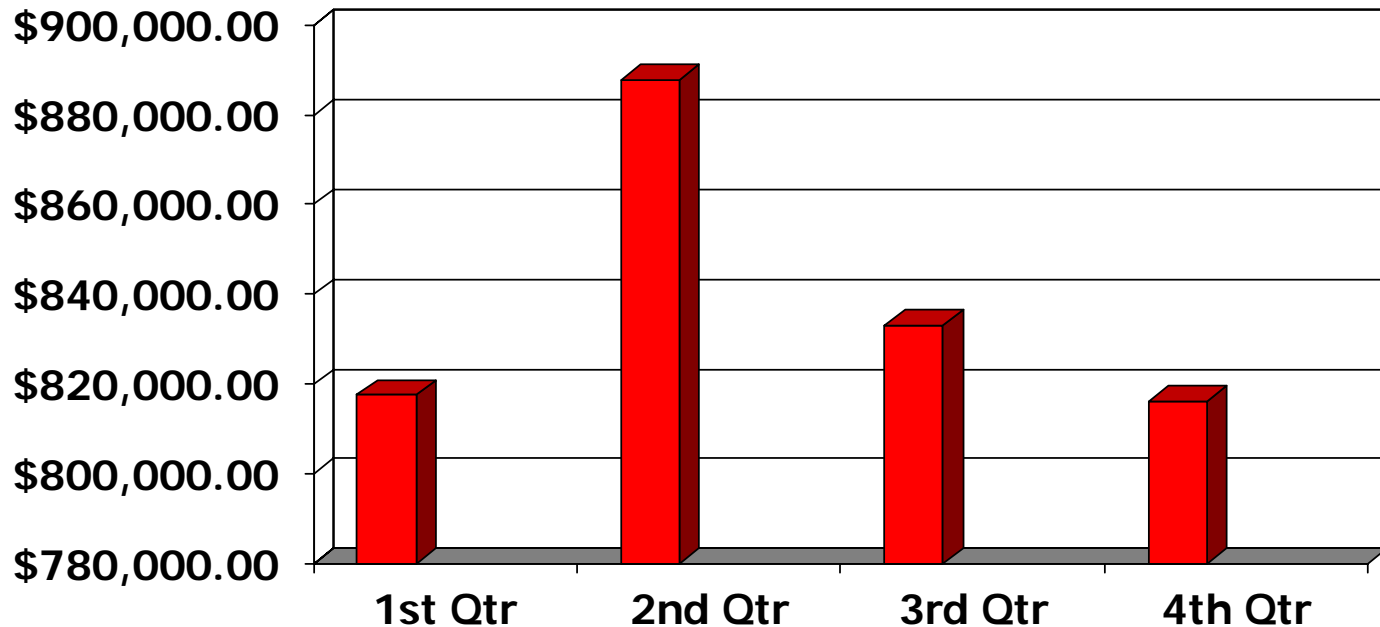
# First Year Summary

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- Enrollment: 677 to 905 students
- Funding: \$3,354, 694.43
- FCAT Percent Tested: 92% and 93%
- Performance Grades of "B" and "C"
- \$600 deduction made in Q4 Payment for each student not making annual learning gains in reading or mathematics.

# Quarterly Payments to Virtual Pilots in 2003-04

Total Payments = \$3,354,694.43





# First Year Issues

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- Late Start
- K-1 Eligibility
- FCAT Logistics
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Performance Funding



# The 2004 Legislature Continued the K-8 Virtual School Pilot

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- Provided for the continuation of the two pilot K-8 virtual schools for 2004-05
- Appropriated \$3,840,000
- Provided maximum per student funding of \$4,800.
- Limited enrollment to students enrolled in the pilot during the 2003-04 school year and their siblings



# Improvements in 2004-05

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- Kindergarten students screened (SRUSS)
- More coordination between various DOE offices, school districts, and pilot schools
- Funding simplified and more similar to other public schools
- Schools in process of submitting data to the DOE student database
- Site Visits Conducted
- Accountability Report required by contract



# DOE Offices That Provide Services to the Pilot Schools

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- K12 Independent Public Education
- Office of the Comptroller
- Contracts and Grants
- Student Assessment Office
- Education Information and Accountability
- School Grading Office
- Teacher Certification



# Site Visits

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- Florida Connections Academy-  
November 18, 2005
- Florida Virtual Academy – December  
10, 2005



# Payments in 2004-05

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- Quarter 1 -- \$650,400
- Quarter 2 -- \$635,248