

A photograph of a classroom with several students raising their hands. The background is a chalkboard with some faint writing. The text is overlaid on this image.

School District Virtual Instruction Program

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Dr. Eric J. Smith,
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2009 Legislation

Senate Bill 1676

- **Lines 469-769 (pages 17-27)—Section 1002.45, F.S.**
- **Lines 1368 – 1380 (page 48)—Section 1011.61, F.S.**

Type of Virtual Instruction Program

- **Full-time for students in grades K-12**
- **Full-time or part-time for students enrolled in dropout prevention and academic intervention programs or DJJ programs**
- **Virtual instruction in which teacher and student are separated by time, space, or both**
- **50% of direct instruction provided by certified teacher (K-5)**
- **80% of direct instruction provided by certified teacher (6-12)**

School District Options

- **Contract with Florida Virtual School (FLVS)**
- **Establish a franchise of FLVS**
- **Contract with an approved provider**
- **Enter into an agreement with another school district**

Approved Providers for 2009-10

- **Florida Virtual School (includes FLVSCA)**
- **Florida Connections Academy, LLC**
- **K12 Florida, LLC**
- **Advanced Academics**
- **CompuHigh**
- **Educational Options, Inc.**
- **Kaplan**

***Penn Foster** may continue to offer its part-time supplemental virtual programs for grades 9-12 students in district schools

Provider Qualifications

- **Nonsectarian**
- **Complies with anti-discrimination laws**
- **Administrative offices in Florida**
- **Florida-certified teachers**
- **Background screening**
- **Prior successful experience**
- **Accredited**

Program Requirements

- **Curriculum aligned to Florida standards**
- **Instruction designed to enable students to gain proficiency**
- **Instructional materials for each student**
- **Equipment and internet access, when appropriate, for full-time students**

Minimum Contract Requirements

- **Detailed curriculum plan showing how students will meet state standards**
- **Method for determining a full-time grade 9-12 student has satisfied graduation requirements**
- **Method for resolving conflicts**
- **Reasons for contract termination**
- **Stipulation provider is responsible for all debts if contract not renewed or terminated**
- **Specification provider is to comply with all requirements in law**

Student Requirements Unchanged

- **Student eligibility**
- **Student participation**

Funding Based on Successful Completions

- **K-5: promotion to the next grade**
- **6-12: credit completions**

FTE Reporting

- **School Number 7001**
- **FTE reported by district of residence**
- **Funding to be transferred to district providing virtual instruction, if different**
- **Stay tuned for revised FTE Instructions**

Accountability

- **District-operated programs receive school grade**
- **Providers receive statewide school grade or school improvement rating**
- **Provider receiving D or F or 'Declining' rating must submit school improvement plan to DOE**
- **Contract for provider receiving D or F for 2 out of 4 years must be terminated**
- **Providers with terminated contracts may not be approved for at least one year and until causes for low performance corrected**

Other Virtual Education Options

The following are not included in the District Virtual Instruction Program:

- **District distance education options provided to students in district schools (usually part-time or supplemental)**
- **Florida Virtual School and district franchises (1002.37)**

State-level K-8 Virtual Schools (returning students only)

Where can you get more information?

- http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/Virtual_Schools/DistrictVIP.asp
- Sally.Roberts@fldoe.org

A photograph of a classroom scene. In the foreground, a young girl with dark hair in pigtails, wearing a red shirt, has her right hand raised. To her left, another student in a blue shirt also has their hand raised. In the background, a student in an orange shirt has their hand raised. The background is a chalkboard filled with faint, illegible mathematical formulas. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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