

## **St. Johns County School District**

### **Virtual Education Policies and Procedures**

The St. Johns County School District provides full time and part time curriculum through the St. Johns Virtual School Franchise, the Florida Virtual School, K12, and Brevard County School District.

These options are available to eligible and approved home school and private school students in our school district. However, all students that participate in the virtual school option are subject to compulsory school attendance. Attendance and participation will be verified and enforced by the school district. Virtual education opportunities and enrollment dates will be provided to parents each year.

#### **St. Johns Virtual School**

St. Johns Virtual School (SJVS) is a franchise of the Florida Virtual School. We combine the same FLVS curriculum with local St. Johns County teachers and SJCSJ administrative and school counselor support. Students enrolled in SJVS can take courses on a full time or part time basis. The SJVS website can be accessed at <http://www-sjvs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

- Enrollment for part time courses is open year round. The Full Time Enrollment window occurs from April through July for the following school year and November through January for the semester.
- All SJVS course requests, except for Home Education, must receive school counselor approval.
- Each course comes with a 21 day grace (drop) period where the student can withdraw with no academic penalty.
- Final course grades issued by SJVS will appear on both the student's FLVS and SJCSJ transcripts. However, a grade of WF will result in an F being placed on the student's transcript. The student can retake the grade for grade forgiveness.
- All SJVS courses needed to meet progression requirements must be completed by the end of the appropriate school session.
- Students may not be simultaneously placed in the same course concurrently at another virtual or traditional school.
- The SJCSJ and School of enrollment Drop/ Add policy applies to all enrolled students.
- Accessibility to SJVS courses is offered on campus based on space available.
- Students can take multiple courses beyond the school day if academically appropriate.

#### **Florida Virtual School**

The Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is a public virtual school that offers online courses. Students enrolled in the St. Johns County School district can take FLVS courses on a full time or part time basis. The FLVS website can be accessed at [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net)

- Enrollment for part time courses is open year round. Please check the FLVS website for FT enrollment window dates.
- All FLVS course requests must receive school counselor approval.
- Each course comes with a 14 day grace (drop) period where the student can withdraw with no academic penalty.

- Final course grades issued by SJVS will appear on both the student's FLVS and SJCSJ transcripts. However, a grade of WF will result in an F being placed on the student's transcript. The student can retake the grade for grade forgiveness.
- Students may not be simultaneously placed in the same course concurrently at another virtual or traditional school.
- Accessibility to FLVS courses are offered on campus based on space available.

## **K12**

St. Johns County School District has partnered with K12 to offer part time and full time curriculum options to district families. K12 uses state certified teachers and enrollment opportunities are available twice a year.

St. Johns Virtual Students can also use the K12 curriculum with local St. Johns County Teachers.

## **Brevard County Partnership**

St. Johns County School District has also partnered with Brevard County to offer part time and full time curriculum options.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

### **Florida Statute Addressing Participation in Virtual Education.**

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1002.455(2), as student may participate in virtual instruction in the school district in which he or she resides if the student meets **one of the following eligibility criteria:**

- a) The student spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in the state and was enrolled and reported by the school district for funding during October and February for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program 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 a permanent change of station order.
- c) The student was enrolled during the prior school year in a virtual instruction program under s.1002.45, the K-8 Virtual School Program under s. 1002.415, or a full time Florida Virtual School program under s. 1002.37(8)(a).
- d) The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in a virtual instruction program and the sibling was enrolled in that program at the end of the prior school years.
- 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.

## **Acceleration**

Acceleration options may be available for students who display outstanding academic ability and demonstrate physical, social, and emotional maturity. The District's Acceleration Protocol must be used in acceleration requests. The principal of the school is the final authority in the placement of students.

**Personnel Guidelines**

The district will make efforts to ensure that all provider virtual teachers are highly qualified. While the district does not hire teachers outside St. Johns Virtual School, the county will communicate with all virtual providers regarding the qualification of each teacher including certification and background screening.