

## Levy Virtual Instruction FAQs

### What is a “virtual instruction program”?

Section 1002.45(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), defines a “virtual instruction program” as one that takes place in an interactive learning environment created through technology in which the student and teacher are separated from each other by time or space or both.

### Is Virtual Instruction the same as Home School?

No. Home schooling is carried out chiefly by a parent/guardian and/or other groups. Virtual instruction relies on accredited courses of study, taught by certified and experienced instructors, with many of the same resources available that are found in a traditional school environment. However, home school students may use the virtual courses as their curriculum.

### When may students enroll in district virtual instruction programs?

Levy Virtual School enrollment periods are posted on our [website](#)

### What happens if students decide that Levy Virtual is not for them after they start?

During the course request process, the student agrees to the following:

I acknowledge that during the first 21 days of being activated into my Levy Virtual School course, I may drop the course without penalty. Upon dropping a course after the first 21 days, a grade of WF will be issued. I understand that for each online course there are a minimum number of assignments that must be completed each week. Failure to submit the minimum number of assignments on a weekly basis may result in my removal from the course and may result in a failing grade being assigned to my academic transcript. If I drop the course after completing 50% of the class requirements and fail to take the final exam, Levy Virtual School will issue an “F” for my final grade. This grade will be transferred to the student's school of record and transcript. Student must then enroll in another public school, private school, or home education.

### How many courses may a middle/high school student take?

The State of Florida funds full-time virtual students for a maximum of 6 credits/courses, so students are limited to a total of six courses.

### Are Honors classes available?

Yes. There are many courses available for Honors credit. During the application process, it will be determined which level of study would be appropriate (regular/honors).

### Can I participate in sports or extracurricular activities?

Yes. You may participate in extracurricular activities at a grade level appropriate school within the part of the district in which you reside. To participate in extracurricular activities, you must contact the appropriate school principal. To participate in sports, you must complete the FHSAA form and contact the Athletic Administrator at the school.

### Are online courses offered at a specific time during the school day?

By their nature, online courses do not have to be offered at a specific time of the day. Online courses may be scheduled during the regular school day or beyond.

**How will the students “meet” with their instructors?**

Our virtual program requires and encourages frequent communication between the students and their instructors. Students will be able to call and email their instructors as often as needed. There is a welcome call and other communication for each course. A parent is provided with a parental account for each student, to monitor progress and to communicate with instructors.

**What if a student with an IEP wants to enroll?**

By enrolling in a "school of choice", a child's IEP may need to be modified. This means that the special education or related services provided to your child at his or her previous school of enrollment may not be available to him/her through Levy Virtual School. Please utilize this information to make appropriate academic placement choices for your student for this school year and beyond.

**How does grading work?**

Levy Virtual School uses the same grading scale as the other schools in Florida per Florida Statute. Final grades will be posted in Skyward at the end of each semester. Parent/guardians must create an online account (with Edgenuity, MDVS, K12) to be able monitor their child's progress.

**Will my student receive a report card?**

Yes, a Levy Virtual School report card will be generated and sent home at the end of each semester. Progress reports are available online, with a parent/guardian account, to monitor student progress anytime

**Do I need to purchase textbooks?**

All course materials are provided online for secondary courses. Should a particular course need any special text or material, we will provide it. Materials are sent to the students, but the parent/guardian is responsible for returning it back to the school once the course has been completed. If your child is enrolled in Calvert or K12, you will receive a box of materials that are yours to keep.

**How do I know what courses to take?**

Students will be assigned a guidance counselor who reviews transcripts and prior school records to determine the student's schedule.

**Can students receive a high school diploma through Levy Virtual School?**

Yes. Upon completion of required credits, a Levy Virtual School student will receive a standard diploma, just like any other public high school student.

**Are virtual students required to take the state assessments and EOCs?**

Yes. Virtual students are required to take the state assessments (FSA) and any other required standardized tests. Students will take these assessments at their designated Levy County School.

**Does the virtual curriculum and course content in public virtual education programs have to meet state standards?**

Yes. The virtual curriculum and courses are required to meet state standards.

**How is the district VIP held accountable for student performance?**

The district Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) is held accountable in several ways: It is a school choice program, so parents can choose this option or other educational options for their children. Its funding is performance-based—that is, based on “successful completions.” If a student does not pass a virtual course or successfully complete the prescribed level of content that counts toward promotion, the student will not generate funding for that course.