

<b>Virtual Program</b>	<b><u>Florida Virtual School (FLVS)</u></b>	<b><u>School District Franchise/FLVS</u></b>	<b><u>FLVS –Connections Academy (FLVSCA)</u></b>	<b><u>School District Virtual Instruction Program (VIP)</u></b>
<b>Provider</b>	FLVS <a href="http://www.flvs.net">www.flvs.net</a>	*School districts that have a franchise with FLVS (Not all districts have established a Franchise)	FLVS and CA – Offered through <a href="http://www.flvs.net">www.flvs.net</a> (Not offered through the school district)	Each county school district
<b>Eligible students</b>	- Public school - Private school - Home educated	- Public school - Private school - Home educated	- Home educated	One of the following: A. Enrolled for the previous year in a public school B. Enrolled in a K-8 Virtual School Program or a Sch. District VIP C. Children of military families
<b>Enrollment Status</b>	Student maintains public school, private school or home education status.	- Home education and private school students retain their status, but this may vary depending on the district and the number of courses taken. (*Check with your district's franchise office) - Diploma-seeking students must enroll full-time in the district virtual school and become public school students.	Student maintains legal home education status.	Student is enrolled full-time and is a public school student.
<b>Grades</b>	Grades 6-12	Grades 6-12	Grades 6-8	Grades K-12
<b>Curriculum Providers</b>	FLVS	FLVS	Connections Academy	Grades K-12 -FLVS-CA -FLVP (k-12,inc) Grades 6-12 - FLVSFT (Full Time) - Educational Options, Inc. - Kaplan (Check the DOE website or your school district* )
<b>Curriculum Delivery</b>	- Online -The required computer equipment and internet access are not provided by FLVS.	Online  (Some school districts and private schools may provide computer equipment at a public school.)	- Textbooks & manipulatives shipped to student's home - Online	- Textbooks & manipulatives shipped to student's home - Online - Computer, printer and Internet provided to qualified full-time students (family income level usually based on the federal free & reduced lunch program)

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<b>Schedule/ Pace</b>	Flexible – semester courses can be completed at any pace up to 18 wks. (extended time with permission)	Fixed – schedule begins and ends with the school calendar Flexible – hours	Fixed - Requires 4 to 5 hours a day for 180 days – same as school calendar	Fixed – Requires 4 to 5 hours a day for 180 days –same as school calendar
<b>Accountability</b>	-Multiple assessments online, oral tests & final exams for each module; - Final semester exam & Course grade -Home education annual evaluations s1002.41 F.S	- Same accountability as FLVS - Diploma-seeking students must pass the FCAT & have 24 credits. - Home education students must pass final exam and submit annual evaluations s.1002.41 F.S.	-Course grades/tests - Home education annual evaluations (s. 1002.41, F.S.)  (Check with provider for further detail)	FCAT and course grades/ tests  (Check with provider for further detail)
<b>Enrollment</b>	Part-time or full-time	Part-time or full-time	Full-time	Full-time (K-12) or part-time (9-12 only available to students in a DJJ, career education or drop-out prevention program)
<b>Teacher Availability</b>	Teachers on call from 8:00am to 8:00pm 7 days a week year-round. (Tutoring sessions and individual tutoring are available.)	Teachers are available full-time during school hours or part-time with limited office hours after school. (Check with your district's franchise office)	Teachers available during school hours or limited hours after school.	Teachers are generally available only during school hours. (Check with your district's VIP Office.)
<b>Course Options</b>	All FLVS courses are available to any Florida student.	Franchises may only offer limited courses and other courses are available directly through FLVS.	Full-time grade-level curriculum (core courses and electives) are determined by Connections Academy.	Full-time grade level curriculum (core courses and electives) are determined by the provider.
<b>Course Selection</b>	Parent and student decide on the courses.  Course selection is not limited to one grade level.	- Parent and student decide on the courses for part-time students. - A school district guidance counselor will assist full-time students in course selection for their graduation/career paths.	Connections Academy chooses the classes.	School district, and the program in partnership with parent, student, provider determines the courses the child takes.
<b>Teacher employment</b>	Florida certified teachers are employed by FLVS.	Florida certified teachers employed by the school district.	Florida certified teachers employed by Connections Academy.	Florida certified teachers are employed by school district or the private curriculum provider.
<b>Course Instructor</b>	FLVS teacher provide all the instruction.	School district or FLVS Florida certified teacher. FLVS provides the curriculum, training and some oversight, but the teacher is employed by the school district.	Connection Academy teacher provides lesson assignments and some instruction online. "Learning Coach," usually the parent, provides at least 50% of the direct instruction in K-5.	Florida certified teacher and, depending on the program, the parent is required to provide instruction at least in grades K-5

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<b>Teacher Training</b>	Florida certified teachers, many of whom have a masters or doctorate degree, are extensively trained by FLVS in online instruction (All teachers teach in-field).	Florida certified teachers employed by district are trained and mentored by FLVS to teach the FLVS curriculum.	Florida certified teachers are trained by Connections Academy to teach the CA curriculum.	Florida certified teachers are trained by the curriculum provider/district to teach the provider's curriculum.
<b>Funding</b>	FLVS receives the full funding per course upon successful completion by student.	School district gets the funding and pays FLVS \$50 per ½ credit per student in accordance with the Franchise agreement.	FLVS receives the funding and subcontracts with Connections Academy to deliver the program.	School district receives the funding and subcontracts with a private provider to deliver the program.
<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	Home education students can take as many courses as they choose & retain their status. Home Education students are eligible for sports or band at their zoned public school or a private school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home education students taking 50% or more of their courses are deemed public school students by the FHSAA and are only eligible for sports or band at their zoned public school, losing their right to participate at a private school.</li> <li>- Diploma-seeking students will become public school students and are only eligible for sports or band at their zoned public school</li> </ul>	Student maintains status as home education student. Eligible for band and sports if the zoned middle school or a private school is a FHSAA or FSMA member.	Students are public school students and are only eligible at their zoned public school.
<b>Transcripts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FLVS, a public school or a private school issues the official transcript.</li> <li>- Home ed. parent must provide "official" transcript.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School district issues the official transcript for diploma-seeking students.</li> <li>- Home ed. parent must provide "official" transcript</li> </ul>	FLVSCA issues official grades and report card.	School district issues the official transcript for diploma-seeking students.
<b>Diploma</b>	FLVS does not grant diplomas even for students taking all their courses through FLVS.	Some school districts, using the Transfer of Credit rule, will grant diplomas to home education students who are enrolled full-time in the district virtual school for at least one semester of their senior year. (May be option for some special needs students or those interested in military. This could be a problem for NCAA verification.)	Not applicable. (It is only available in grades 6-8.)	School district issues diploma for high school students.
<b>AP &amp; Honors</b>	Both are available.	School district's course availability varies; other courses may be available directly through FLVS.	Not applicable. (It is only available in grades 6-8.)	Check with your district's VIP Office regarding this option for high school students.

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<b>Dual Enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home education student may enroll in FLVS and dual enrollment courses with parent approval.</li> <li>- Students can take FLVS AP courses for college credit at the same time taking college courses through dual enrollment</li> <li>- Student may complete an AA degree depending on the institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full-time or Part-time students may participate in dual enrollment. (Full-time diploma-seeking students will be public school students and must have a 3.0 GPA, obtain approval from the school counselor with course selection limited to those required for graduation.)</li> <li>- Students may not be able to earn an AA degree by high school graduation date.)</li> </ul>	Not applicable. (It is only available in grades 6-8.)	At this time, it is unlikely that students can participate in dual enrollment as the curriculum is a full-time curriculum. (Check with your district's VIP Office regarding this option for high school students.)
<b>Bright Futures Scholarships*</b>	Home education students who score a 970 SAT (Reading + Math) can use FLVS courses to document the 15 required courses for the Medallion BF Scholarship.	Home education students who score a 970 SAT (Reading + Math) can use Franchise courses to document the 15 required courses for the Medallion BF Scholarship.	Not applicable. (It is only available in grades 6-8.)	School district will determine if student meets the eligibility requirements.

\*Bright Futures website:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>

\*For More Information See School District Virtual Instruction Programs by district:

<http://www.fldoe.org/Schools/virtual-schools/district-franchises.asp>

\*For Information on approved providers:

<http://www.fldoe.org/Schools/virtual-schools/DistrictVIP.asp>

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