



Dear Nassau Virtual School Student(s), Parent(s), and Guardian(s),

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to FINtastic school year! Our school theme this year is ***Sharks surf the waves of success!*** We desire to help each student achieve their academic goals while supporting learning through virtual education. We hope you will participate in our endeavors to create a positive virtual learning environment centered on student achievement!

### **FOCUS login for new NCS D students**

1. Username:
2. Password:

### **FLVS login for new Nassau Virtual students**

1. Log in at [www.login.flvs.net](http://www.login.flvs.net)
2. Username:
3. Password:

FLVS has “How to Get Started” videos you may find helpful at <https://www.flvs.net/how-it-works/enrollment-options/flex/quick-start-videos>.

### **What to Expect for the Week of August 7-11<sup>th</sup>**

1. **Laptop and Course Binder Pick-up:**
  - **August 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup>: 9 AM-12 PM and 1:30-3:30 PM.**
  - **Location:** District Office, 1207 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach (first single-story building (17) on the right, closest to Atlantic Ave.)
  - Please bring a copy of your driver’s license and any other forms that need to be completed, signed, and/or notarized. There will be a notary present during those times.
2. **Welcome Call:** Teachers will begin calling both the parent and student to provide important information regarding virtual courses beginning on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents will need to speak with the teacher to be activated in the course.
3. **Course Pre-Tests:** As students begin to access their courses, some courses may have a pre-test. August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, please complete any pre-test listed for individual courses.
4. **Login Checks:** Please check your computer, Class Link, and FLVS login during this week. You will have two different log-ins. One for your computer and Class Link and a separate one for FLVS. If you have any login issues, please send an email to [nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us).

#### **Computer, FOCUS, and Class Link Login:**

- Returning Nassau Public School students please use the same login information for the computer, FOCUS, and Class Link from last year.
- Newly enrolled Nassau Public School students will get their computer login information during computer pick-up, or you may email [nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us).
- The web address for Class Link is <https://launchpad.classlink.com/nassau>.

#### **FLVS Login for Curriculum Platform**

- FLVS Website: [www.login.flvs.net](http://www.login.flvs.net)
- Returning NVS students will use the same login information as last year.

- Newly enrolled NVS students will get an email from FLVS with your username and temporary password. If you do not receive an email from FLVS by Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, please email our office at [nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us).
5. **Start of Coursework:** Students are welcome to begin working in their courses once a teacher has been assigned to the course. The official first week of virtual courses and pacing will begin on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.
  6. **Pacing Guides:** The pace chart contains weekly assignments that must be completed to show progress and confirm attendance for the week. Students and parents should follow the 2023-2024 Academic and Testing calendar to maintain pace in each course. The pace chart should be printed for each course.
    - **Elementary Students (K-5):** Mrs. Poncharik will provide a specific week-by-week list of assignments due. Ms. Poncharik will provide instructions during her welcome call and meet and greet sessions.
    - **Secondary Students (6-12):** Once a teacher has been assigned, the student can enter the course and click the “Tools” drop down menu.
      - Click “Course” under the subheading and click “Pace”.
      - Select “Standard Pace Options” and choose the “Traditional Pace.”
  7. **Teacher Contact Information:** Contact information for individual instructors can be found on the course landing page. The teacher’s phone number and email will be posted. Students can use Educator’s in-program email found on the main course page to contact the teacher. The teacher’s tutoring, office hours, and DBA schedule will be located on the course landing page.
  8. **Microsoft 365:** All Nassau Virtual students have access to Microsoft 365 for free. Students should use Microsoft 365 to complete assignments. Students have access to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and One Drive. Students will access Microsoft 365 at <https://portal.office.com> or through <https://launchpad.classlink.com/nassau> by using their FOCUS login.
  9. **Live Lessons:** The following courses will provide weekly live lessons. The teachers will provide details about the dates and times of live lessons during the welcome call.
    - Ms. Baldwin: Grades 6-8 Math, Algebra I, and Geometry
    - Mrs. Hassen: Grades 6-8 Science, Biology, Environmental Science, Physical Science, and Earth Space Science
    - Mrs. Grice: Grades 6-8 Language Arts, English I, English II, English III, and English IV
    - Ms. Poncharik: Grades K-5 Language Arts, Math, Social Science, and Science

Students will receive a Collaboration assignment grade for attending live instruction. Live lessons are not mandatory; however, attending live lessons provides an opportunity for additional assistance on weekly assignments, preparation for state assessments, and clarification/instruction/review on difficult concepts. **If a student does not participate in live instruction, the student will be asked to complete a collaboration assignment per semester.**

Grading Scale for Collaboration Assignment

- Attend a minimum of 13 to 16 live lessons = a grade of 100 to 98 percent
  - Attend a minimum of 9 to 12 live lessons = a grade of 97 to 94 percent
  - Attend a minimum of 5 to 8 live lessons = a grade of 93 to 90 percent
  - Attend a minimum of 0 to 4 live lessons = a grade of 89 to 86 percent
10. **Academic Contracts for Remediation (Intensive Reading, FAST Reading/Writing, and Algebra I EOC Retakes)** High school students with a level one or two on the 2023 FAST Reading or 2023-2024 progress monitoring will be enrolled in an Intensive Reading elective course. Students will be notified by email if Intensive Reading is a mandatory course and part of an Academic Contract for remediation.

A review session for the FAST Reading/Writing Test and the Algebra I EOC will be offered prior to the assessment. Remediation students will receive information via email and should attend all sessions as part of an Academic Contract. Additional remediation opportunities include virtual or in-person tutoring and live lesson instruction. Students may also use the free website [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) for additional practice.

Please see the Nassau Virtual pacing and testing calendar for specific date, times, locations, and grade levels: <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5196>.

### **Physical Location and Testing Center**

Nassau Virtual's school location can be found in the Team Center at the Nassau County School District Office at 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Teachers will conduct virtual live lessons, virtual tutoring, and in-person instruction and tutoring at this location. All assessments and progress monitoring will occur in this location.

### **School Counselor**

Mrs. Amy Grunewald is the school counselor for Nassau Virtual. You may contact her by email at [grunewaldam@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:grunewaldam@nassau.k12.fl.us) or by phone at 904-849-1429. Mrs. Grunewald will use the Remind App to communicate with groups of students.

**Remind App:** Please sign up for the Nassau Virtual School Remind App for information on upcoming events, scholarships, competitions, Weekly Tidbits, and to communicate with our office. You will need to re-join NVS Remind if you are a returning NVS student or parent. Please turn on the Remind App phone option.

- Elementary Grades: Text @nvselem to 81010
- Middle Grades: Text @nvsmidd to 81010
- High School Grades: Text @nvshisc to 81010
- School Counselor 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Text @nvs2027 to 81010
- School Counselor 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Text @nvs2026 to 81010
- School Counselor 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Text @nvs2025 to 81010
- School Counselor 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Text @nvs2024 to 81010

**School Academic and Testing Calendar:** The academic and testing calendar has been established in advance to help families plan and prepare for assessments. There will be additional dates added for retakes in February and SAT/ACT testing. Please view the calendar at <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5196>.

**School Handbook:** The handbook contains information about Attendance, Academic Integrity, Student Expectations, and other important facts about Nassau Virtual. Please view the handbook at <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5199>.

We look forward to speaking and meeting you soon. Please let us know if you have any additional questions, or how we can help you.

Sincerely,

*Mandy Lyle-Purvis*

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