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NASSAU VIRTUAL HANDBOOK

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www.sat.org

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www.act.org

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Mission

Nassau Virtual Franchise's mission is to develop each student as an inspired life-long learner and problem solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society.

Vision

Nassau Virtual Franchise will provide student-centered education through active virtual learning to promote independent problem-solving using diverse innovative technology while building a collaborative school environment.

About Nassau Virtual

Nassau Virtual Franchise is an online public school of choice offered by My District Virtual School (MDVS) provided by the North East Florida Educational Consortium for grades K-12. We offer full-time enrollment using Florida Virtual School curriculum for students who reside in Nassau County. To view a list of courses offered through MDVS for full and part time Nassau Virtual students go to: <https://sites.google.com/nefec.org/mdvs/nassau?authuser=0>.

Overview

In full time virtual instruction, students are expected to work from home each day by accessing the curriculum and instruction via the Internet. Elementary students will work with a parent or guardian acting as a learning coach. Secondary school students will work more independently with their teachers. Teachers will facilitate and monitor learning through the Internet, email, phone, and video conferencing. Virtual learning does provide flexibility, but students must work each school day in every assigned course following the pacing guide or learning plan. For success in a virtual learning environment, students must meet the minimum pacing requirements and demonstrate mastery in each course curriculum.

Participation in Nassau Virtual requires a commitment from the student and the family. Students will work from home and have some flexibility; however, time spent in virtual instruction should mimic traditional school. Students in grades K-5 should expect to spend about four hours per day each weekday. Students in grades 6-12 should expect to spend five hours per day each weekday. Virtual instruction provides an alternative to the traditional school and classroom.

Successful participation in virtual instruction necessitates that learners be self-motivated and possess good organizational and time-management skills. The enrollment process includes a student review of grades, test results, and prior attendance to confirm the best learning opportunity for the individual student.

Students' progress, grades, and attendance will be monitored each week. Teachers and counselors will communicate with students and parents to ensure success. Students that are unsuccessful in Nassau Virtual will be given an option to return to their zoned brick and mortar school or go to home education at the end of each semester. The virtual program is based upon mastery of a concept. Students must complete a full semester before transferring to another program or brick-and-mortar school.

Enrollment

The enrollment window opens in April each year for the following school year. The initial enrollment form is located on the virtual education webpage <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/855>. Once approved, a formal enrollment packet containing registration documents will be sent to the parent's requested email address. Parents will receive a Student Expectations document. All parents and students must sign the Expectations form prior to course selection. Once completed, courses for students may be selected with the help and support from the Nassau Virtual school counselor. Students must take a full course load, complete all standardized tests, and meet the attendance requirement determined by the State of Florida. Grades K-5 are required to maintain five courses per year, while grades 6-12 must maintain six courses per year. Students are required to submit work each week to meet the attendance requirement.

Enrollment Windows for Nassau Virtual

- 1st Enrollment Period: April 12, 2023 - July 11, 2023
- 2nd Enrollment Period: July 12, 2023 - August 7, 2023
- 3rd Enrollment Period: November 27, 2023 – December 15, 2023

Registering as a Full-Time Student

1. Complete the initial enrollment form, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/855>.
2. The initial enrollment, transcripts, and test scores will be reviewed to determine if virtual education is an appropriate placement for the student.
3. Parents will receive an enrollment packet via email. The completed enrollment packet (including the Expectations form) can be returned via email, fax, mail, or in-person.
4. The following **documents** are required for enrollment for **returning students/NCS transfer** students:
 - Parent's driver's license.
 - Updated immunizations for all students entering grade 7.
 - Residency verification may be required if residency has changed (mortgage statement or lease agreement AND an electric, phone, or cable bill).
5. The following **documents** are required for students enrolling **from home education, private school, or another school district/state**:
 - Parent's driver's license.
 - Updated immunizations (Florida Certification of Immunization, DH Form 690).
 - Updated physical examination (school-entry health exam) performed within one year of the date of enrollment.
 - Residency verification: Two forms of documentation include: a mortgage statement, lease agreement, or property tax bill AND an electric, phone, or cable bill.
 - Transcript including latest report card grades.
 - Test scores
 - IEP (Individual Education Plan) or 504
6. After all documentation is complete and received, students will choose courses through the Course Request form sent by email.
 - Elementary students will take Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and PE. Physical Education is a mandated course by the State of Florida. Parents may sign a PE waiver and choose another elective. The Elementary PE waiver is located at, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/4885>.
 - Middle Grades students will take Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, and an elective. Physical Education is a mandated course by the State of Florida. Parents may sign a PE waiver and choose another elective. The Middle Grades PE waiver is located at, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/4886>. Eighth graders must take Civics and all middle grades students must take M/J Career Research and Decision Making one time during middle school. Middle Grades students must have a level three on their prior year reading and math assessments to take an advanced course.
 - High School students will follow Florida's graduation requirements found at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/standarddiplomarequirements.pdf>. The Nassau Virtual school counselor will assist in selecting grade appropriate courses for high school students. The Course Request form lists the grade of appropriate courses available. Most ninth graders will take one English, Math, Science, and three elective courses. Most tenth graders will take one English, Math, Science, History, and two elective courses. Most eleventh graders will take one English, Math, Science, History, and two elective courses. Most twelfth graders will take one English, Math, US Government/Economics, and three elective courses. All high school students are required to take a practical/fine/performing art credit and HOPE.

Registering as a Part-Time Student

Students can register at any time during the school year with their school counselor's approval. A student must be enrolled at a public Nassau County School. Requested courses will NOT be approved until the school counselor provides approval that the course is appropriate for the learner's ability and grade level.

Nassau Virtual (457004) will be listed as the second school of enrollment and the course will be added to the student's schedule if a course is taken through MDVS. If the course is taken through FLVS (Florida Virtual School) Flex, only the grade will be added at the completion of the course. If the course is taken in a campus lab through FLVS VLL contract, the course will be added to the student's schedule as a VLL course. The semester grade will be entered into FOCUS by Nassau Virtual staff after the MDVS or FLVS course is completed.

Student Expectations

Academic Expectations:

- Maintain appropriate pace and a C or higher in all courses.
 - One week behind pace or below C average = phone call to parent
 - Two weeks behind pace or below C average = academic warning letter and potential virtual/in-person tutoring
 - Three weeks behind pace or below C average = in-person academic conference and mandatory virtual/in-person tutoring
 - Four weeks behind pace or below C average= withdraw from Nassau Virtual based on non-compliance and mandatory enrollment into zoned brick-and-mortar school or home education within three days to comply with compulsory attendance requirements.
- Maintain enrollment through the end of each semester. Nassau Virtual does not issue quarterly grades. Grades are issued at the end of the semester. (If a student chooses to leave NVS prior to the end of the semester, no grades will be transferred to the next school of enrollment.)
- Complete course work in sequential order, as outlined in the pacing guide.
- Complete the active segments by the dates outlined in the attached Academic Calendar for 2023-2024.
- Complete the required number of courses for each year. High School- 6 courses per year, Middle School-5 courses per year, and Elementary School- 5 courses per year.
- Dropped courses may be reinstated one time for completion based on administrative review and approval.
- Complete a minimum of 20% in the first 28 days after activation with MDVS or complete a minimum of 20% within 14 days after activation with FLVS, or the student will be dropped from the course.
- Students must complete their own work and should not copy or plagiarize internet content or another student's work. Students must uphold Academic Integrity as outlined in the NVS Handbook.
- Complete the Mental Health, Human Trafficking, and Drug and Alcohol Awareness courses as mandated by F.S. 1012.584.
- Complete CPR First Aid training course as mandated by F.S. 1003.453(3) for students in grades 9 and 11.

Communication Expectations:

- Students and parents will complete a welcome call during the first week of the course with each teacher for activation in the course. Each teacher will explain communication practices for their course.
- Respond to all text messages, emails, and phone calls within 24 hours.
- Update any contact information by emailing NVS at nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us.
- Students must complete discussion-based assessments (DBAs) before the module exam. Each teacher will instruct students on the correct procedures to complete a DBA.

Attendance Expectations:

- The state of Florida mandates attendance. Elementary students are expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week and all weekly assignments. Secondary students are expected to work a minimum of 25 hours per week and weekly assignments for each course.
- Attendance will be monitored weekly. Attendance is based on completed assignments for the previous week. A student is considered absent and off pace if no assignments are completed.
- Notify teachers at least 2 weeks in advance of planned absences and discuss pacing guide and assignment completion.
- Notify teachers and NVS administration of any emergency absence that may be prolonged.

Testing Expectations:

- According to F.S. 1008.22, all state assessments are mandatory for public school students.
- Parents must provide transportation to the testing location for the assessments administered in person.
- Students who do not complete all required state testing will not be permitted to continue enrollment at Nassau Virtual for the next school year.
- Students must complete all progress monitoring (PM1,2, and 3) in-person for both reading and math

assessments based on district and state requirements. (Please refer to testing dates found on the Academic Calendar for 2023-2024.)

- Civics, US History, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology EOC exams count as 30% of the overall grade for the course. Students will not receive credit for the course until the district receives the scores and calculates 30% into the final grade for the course. Please be aware the final grade in FOCUS will be different than the final grade on your FLVS or MDVS transcript.

Creating an Account and Requesting Courses on the FLVS Platform

- Creating a new account, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5197>.
- Requesting courses with an **existing** FLVS account, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5198>.

Getting Started in an MDVS or FLVS Course

1. Log onto your course at login.flvs.net.
2. Schedule and complete a “Welcome Call” with your teacher to activate your course. You will have 28 days with an MDVS course to reach 20% and stay enrolled in the course. You will have 14 days with an FLVS course to reach 20% and stay enrolled in the course.
3. Print your “Pacing Guide” for each course. Set a schedule and map out your semester to complete the course within the 18 weeks allotted.
4. Check your email for messages from your teacher.
5. You can contact your teacher by text, phone, or email. Your teacher’s contact information is on his/her landing/announcement page.
6. Start submitting assignments. You should complete two to three assignments per week.
7. FLVS Getting Started Videos: <https://www.flvs.net/student-resources/flex/quick-start>.

Academic Counseling

Full-time students will receive a review of their academic progress toward completing elementary, middle grades, and obtaining a standard high school diploma. Students are advised on course selection, career, and post-secondary planning opportunities. The Nassau Virtual school counselor is available to support, encourage, and monitor the success of students. Although any specific content questions should be directed to the course teacher, any general questions about the school or the student’s education should be directed to the school counselor. An evaluation of each student will be conducted at the end of each school year to determine the best instructional options and enrollment for the next school year. If a student fails to meet enrollment expectations, an in-person academic planning conference will be required, and an academic plan written for the upcoming school year.

Advanced Placement/ Honors/ Dual Enrollment

Advanced Placement, Honors, Advanced, and Dual Enrollment courses are available with Nassau Virtual. Students must score a level three or higher on the state assessment for reading and mathematics and have a passing grade of a “C” or higher in pre-requisite courses to qualify for enrollment in an honors or advanced placement course.

Dual Enrollment qualifications include a 3.0 cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average), a level three or higher on the Grade 10 FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) ELA and Algebra I EOC (End Of Course) and meet score requirements on a college entrance exam. Please contact the school counselor for information about enrollment dates and deadlines.

Student Responsibilities

Online learning requires commitment from the student and the parent. The responsibilities of the student are listed below.

Students must:

- Maintain appropriate pace in all courses by following the pacing guide or the weekly assignment schedule. Submit assignments each week to meet state attendance requirements. (If a student falls behind pace, the student may be required to attend live lessons and/or in person instruction sessions as part of an academic plan.)
- Maintain a C or higher average in all courses. (If a student falls below a “C” average, the student may be required to attend live lessons and/or in person instruction sessions. If a student drops below a “C” in 3 or more courses, the student will need to return to their zoned brick and mortar school.)

- Maintain enrollment through the end of each semester. Nassau Virtual does not issue quarterly grades. Grades are issued at the end of the semester. (If a student chooses to leave NVS prior to the end of the semester, no grades will be transferred to the next school of enrollment.)
- Attend live lessons offered weekly by teachers via video conferencing.
- Complete course work in sequential order, as outlined in the pacing guide.
- Complete the active segments by the end of the semester as outlined by the Nassau County School District school calendar. To ensure mastery and comprehension, minimum seat time in a segment is 14 days.
- Complete the required number of courses for each year. High School- six courses per year, Middle School- six courses per year, and Elementary School- five courses per year.
- Physical Education is a mandatory course for all elementary and middle grades students. A PE Waiver may be submitted and if approved, a different elective may be taken in the place of physical education. Please click on the following link for the elementary PE waiver, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/4885>, or click the following link for the middle grades PE waiver, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/4885>.
- Dropped courses may be reinstated one time for completion based on administrative review and approval. (The student must restart a course from the beginning if the course is dropped a second time.)
- Complete a minimum of 20% in the first 28 days after activation with MDVS or complete a minimum of 20% within 14 days after activation with FLVS, or the student will be dropped from the course.
- Students must complete their own work and should not copy or plagiarize internet content or other students' work. Students must uphold Academic Integrity as outlined in the NVS Handbook. Students may be required to complete a proctored exam if there is an academic integrity offense.
- Complete the Mental Health, Human Trafficking, and Drug and Alcohol Awareness courses as mandated by F.S. 1012.584.
- Students in grades nine and eleven will complete first aid and CPR training as mandated by F.S. 1003.453(3).

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a crucial part of the online learning environment. All work submitted by the student for grading must be original. Plagiarism and cheating are not acceptable and could lead to consequences such as resubmission of an assignment, grade reduction, failing grade, and even removal from a course.

Our goal with Nassau Virtual students is for the student to master the subject content. Students may resubmit assignments (not including quizzes and module exams) up to three times to show mastery. The FLVS platform uses Turnitin.com to guarantee the authenticity of the student's work.

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1. The first offense will result in a parent phone call and the student must redo the assignment for full credit.
2. The second offense will result in a parent phone call and the student must redo the assignment for a reduced grade.
3. The third offense will result in an academic parent/student conference and the student must redo the assignment for half credit.
4. The fourth offense will result in the student receiving a zero on the assignment and removal from the Nassau Virtual program at the end of the semester.

Attendance

Attendance is mandated by the State of Florida. Students are monitored by the number of assignments submitted each week according to the pacing guide and the percentage completed each week. Students should complete a minimum of five percent each week. Elementary students must work at least 20 hours per week and submit all weekly assignments. Secondary students must work at least 25 hours per week and submit all weekly assignments for each course.

An attendance report is pulled every Monday beginning August 21, 2023. The assignments completed, overall percent complete, and weekly pace are considered when determining if a student should be marked absent for the previous week. If a student has not completed work in two or more courses for the previous week, that student will be marked absent for one day.

Nassau Virtual Pacing Calendar by week for each semester, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5196>. The calendar includes school holidays and Flex Weeks. Flex Weeks are additional weeks in the pacing guide that may be used for holidays or as additional work weeks when a student falls behind pace.

Nassau County School District attendance policy, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/967>.

Attendance Matrix

Parents must notify Nassau Virtual staff when a student is unable to submit work for a week. Parents can email nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us or call 904-277-9029 to contact Nassau Virtual staff.

1. If a student falls behind pace and fails to complete work in more than one course, the student will be marked absent, and a parent will receive a phone call and/or email.
2. If a student falls behind pace and fails to complete work in more than one course for a second consecutive week, the student will be marked absent, and the parent will receive a phone call and/or email requesting and virtual or in-person conference.
3. If a student falls behind pace and fails to complete work in more than one course for a third consecutive week, the student will be marked absent, and the parent and student will be required to attend an academic intervention meeting in-person. A signed academic agreement will be established and maintained by the student to continue enrollment in Nassau Virtual.
4. If a student falls behind pace and fails to complete work in more than one course for a fourth consecutive week, the student will be marked absent and dismissed from Nassau Virtual as non-compliant with three days to enroll in a brick-and-mortar school or home education.

Pacing Guide/Grace Period

All courses/grades will have a pacing guide. The pacing guide provides a list of weekly assignments and required submissions to stay on pace and maintain appropriate progress and attendance for each course. If a student falls behind pace, the student may be asked to make up assignments in person or be required to return to their zoned school. The pacing guides should be monitored by the student, the parents, and the teacher.

The Grace Period is the first 28 days of the course once activated. If the student falls behind pace or has a grade lower than a C within the first 3 weeks of the course, an academic conference may be held to discuss alternative placement or return to the brick -and-mortar school. Withdrawing during the grace period ensures that there will be no penalty to the student's transcript. Students who withdraw after the grace period could receive a grade designation that may negatively impact their transcript. Remember that students must be enrolled in the appropriate number of courses to maintain their full-time status with Nassau Virtual.

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

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 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>.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents and guardians are important in the online learning environment. Parents serve as the learning coach for their student and ensure that the student maintains the proper pace in each course. Parents must communicate with each teacher at least once a month by phone, text, or email. Parents must update teachers or Nassau Virtual with any changes in contact information. Parents must provide internet and telephone for the student to communicate with teachers and complete all assignments. Parents must notify teachers and/or the Nassau Virtual office of any planned or emergency absences that may affect the student's attendance/pacing guide. Parents must also provide transportation for all required state and district testing for the students.

Parent Portals

The FLVS parent portal provides an opportunity to view the students grades during the semester. Final grades will be posted in FOCUS. Please follow the instructions in the link to create or activate a FOCUS account,
<https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/67>.

Set up a parent portal with FLVS

1. Please click on the following link to add your students to your current parent/guardian account
<https://vsa.flvs.net/Registration/GuardianApplication.aspx?pageID=141&AID=273&fn=Apply-for-Parent-Guardian-Account>
2. An additional window will open and ask, "Do you have a Parent/Guardian username and password already"?
3. Select "NO" and click "Submit".
4. You will need your student's username and password to complete your registration.

Communication

Communication between students, parents, and teachers constitutes a vital part of the virtual learning environment and ensures student success in virtual learning. Students and parents must complete a welcome call with each teacher during the first week of the course prior to activation.

Students are expected to respond to all text messages, calls, and emails within a 24-hour period. Teachers are expected to return any call, text, or email within 24-hours excluding weekends or holidays. Teachers are expected to grade submitted work within 48-hours excluding weekends or holidays.

Please update teachers or Nassau Virtual of any new contact information by emailing Nassau Virtual at

nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us. Students must complete Discussion Based Assessments, or DBAs, for each course when assigned. Students may not advance to the module exam without completing a DBA. DBAs give opportunities for the student and teacher to review and discuss the course's concepts. DBAs will be completed by phone or virtual conferencing.

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.

Testing Requirements

According to Florida State Statute 1008.22, all state assessments are mandatory for public school students including Nassau Virtual students. Parents must provide transportation to the testing location for the assessments administered in person. The testing location is the Nassau County School Board Office located at 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Students who do not complete all required state testing and End of Course Exams will not be permitted to continue enrollment in Nassau Virtual for the following school year.

Students will complete progress monitoring for reading and math assessments based on district and state requirements. Civics, US History, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology EOC exams will count as 30% of the overall grade for the course. Please be aware the final grade in FOCUS will be different than the final grade on your FLVS or MDVS transcript.

Please visit our website for the Nassau Virtual School Calendar for testing dates throughout the year, <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/5196>.

Technology

Nassau Virtual students must have the necessary technology to be successful in virtual learning. Once enrolled and a signed Acceptable Use Policy is returned, a student will receive a school-issued laptop for coursework. Students must complete an Acceptable Use Agreement in the enrollment documentation. Any issue with technology should be addressed to nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us.

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.

ESE/504

IEP and 504 plans will be maintained by the Nassau Virtual ESE (EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS EDUCATION) team which includes monitoring by NCSDE-certified staff and the school counselor. The plans will be updated annually. Nassau Virtual staff will monitor individual students' needs to provide successful educational experiences and outcomes for students.

For initial enrollments, Nassau Virtual will schedule a meeting with the parent to discuss the individual student needs as they pertain to the parent's choice of virtual education.

ELL

ELL students and paperwork will be maintained by the school counselor. ELL plans will be updated annually reflecting the results of required state assessments. Nassau Virtual staff will monitor ELL student's needs to provide successful educational experiences and outcomes for the student.

Bright Futures

The Florida Bright Futures Program is funded by the state of Florida and provides scholarships based on high school academic achievement. The program has different award levels, each with its own eligibility criteria and award amounts. Please visit <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home> for more information or contact your school counselor.

Senior Year

To participate in the joint graduation ceremony with Nassau Virtual, Nassau County Community School, and Nassau Adult and Career Center students must complete all requirements set forth by the State of Florida, <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/standarddiplomarequirements.pdf>. Graduation will be held at Yulee High School. Nassau County School District diplomas will be available for pick-up in mid-June. Per state statute, a student's legal name must be used during commencement and printed on the diploma. Students can only wear school-issued caps, gowns, and awards. Honor graduates will wear a gold cord for earning a 3.5 weighted GPA with no grades lower than a C for a semester or year grade.

Nassau Virtual Q&A

- **What programs are offered by Nassau Virtual?**

Nassau Virtual offers an FLVS Franchise school called My District Virtual School. My District Virtual School is a franchise of FLVS. FLVS curriculum is used by Florida certified teachers hired by the North East Florida Education Consortium and NCSD.

- **How much time will my child spend online?**

The answer varies between programs and grade levels. Students will need to complete 2 to 3 assignments in each course every week. Students will spend approximately 4 hours a day for five days a week or 20 hours per week in grades K-5, and 5 hours a day for five days a week or 25 hours per week in grades 6-12. Progress for each student will be monitored weekly and the percentage complete in each course should increase each week.

- **What grades does my child need to maintain?**

Students must maintain a "C" for better in all virtual courses.

- **What happens if I drop a course?**

Students have a grace period of 28 days to try a course and determine if a course should be dropped and replaced.

- **What happens if I drop a course after the grace period?**

Students will receive a withdraw passing, WP, or a withdraw failing, WF, from the virtual program. The information is placed on the student's course history but will not count against a student's overall grade point average.

- **Why does my child need to make a semester commitment?**

Virtual programs only release one grade to the district at the end of the semester. Although the student will see multiple grades for assignments completed in the virtual program, the teacher only submits the final grade at the end of a semester.

- **How many credits does my child receive per semester?**

Students receive one ½ credit per semester for each course with a passing grade.

- **Can my student transfer back to their brick-and-mortar school at any time?**

Yes, your student can transfer back to their traditional brick and mortar school. However, the gradebook from the virtual program does not transfer with the student. The student must complete a full semester to receive a grade.

- **Will the District provide a computer for my child?**

The district will provide a computer for all Nassau Virtual students.

- **Will my child have access to AR, I-Ready, IXL, and various other programs used at the brick-and-mortar schools?**

Students will not have access to most programs used in the brick-and-mortar schools. Virtual curriculum is a self-contained program created with internal progress monitoring. If a parent feels their child needs additional practice, we suggest using Khan Academy for review and remediation. It is a free program for all students.

- **Can my child still participate in sports at their brick-and-mortar school?**

Students can still participate in sports. In addition to the required participation forms and physical, students will need to have an EL-14 completed and returned to the coach or the athletic director. This form is available at www.fhsaa.org under the students and parents tab.

- **Can my child participate in elective classes at a brick-and-mortar school that are not offered by Nassau Virtual?**

Students can participate in certain classes at the brick-and-mortar school. This is subject to availability of seats in the class.

- **Do the virtual programs offered by Nassau Virtual allow a flexible work schedule?**

Yes, students and parents can set their own schedule, but must complete 2 to 3 assignments in each course every week to stay on pace.

- **How do I or my child contact the teacher?**

Students and parents can contact the teacher by text, email, or phone. During the first week of school, the teacher will make a "Welcome Call" to both the parent and student. They will provide you with their contact information and vital information about the course(s).

The fastest method to contact a teacher is by text or email. Please make sure you include your first and last name and the course in the correspondence. Teachers have 24 hours (excluding weekends) to respond to all phone calls. Please make sure you save the teacher's phone number, so you will know when they are calling.

- **How long does it take to grade assignments?**

Teachers have 48 hours (excluding weekends) to grade assignments.

- **When is my child's teacher available?**

Not all virtual teachers are available during the school day. Some teachers work for local school districts during the day and work online in the afternoon and evenings. Each teacher should provide their availability during the Welcome Call. Teachers are not available before 8am or after 8pm.

- **What if my child had difficulty contacting the teacher or has not received a grade from the teacher after several days?**

If you are having any difficulties with an instructor, please contact Mrs. Purvis by phone at 904-277-9029 or by email at nvsinfo@nassau.k12.fl.us.

- **What if my child gets sick and falls behind pace?**

Virtual programs are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A student can resume the proper pace by working on the weekends or during holiday breaks.

- **Can my child work ahead of pace?**

Yes, students can work at an accelerated pace within reason. If a student is moving too quickly through the curriculum, the teacher will want to conduct a Discussion Based Assessment, DBA, by phone to check for understanding and retention of material presented in the lessons.

- **What are DBAs?**

A Discussion Based Assessment, DBA, provides teachers with an opportunity to speak with the student and access their knowledge and retention of the material presented in the previous lessons. These are generally scheduled in advance and conducted over the phone. Usually, the student is not provided the questions in advance.

- **How can parents help set up a successful virtual program at home?**

1. Print pacing guides for each course.
2. Use a calendar to schedule assignments for the week.
3. Provide a learning space with few distractions.
4. Set up an organized schedule for virtual instruction during the day.
5. Keep an open line of communication between the student, parent, and teacher regularly.
6. Check the parent portal for completed assignments and grades.

- **How do parents set up a parent portal?**

Parents can use the following link to set up an parent/guardian account, <https://vsa.flvs.net/Registration/GuardianApplication.aspx?pageID=141&AID=273&fn=Apply-for-Parent-Guardian-Account>. An additional window will open asking, "Do you have a Parent/Guardian username and password already?" You will select "NO" and click "Submit". You will need your student's username and password to complete your registration.

- **What if my child is having technical difficulties?**

If a student is having technical difficulties with the assigned computer from the district, they must contact Mrs. Purvis to replace the computer.

If a student is having technical difficulties with the virtual program's platform, they will need to contact the provider. FLVS technical support is 1-800-374-1430.

- **Where can I find helpful videos to learn about FLVS courses or preview FLVS courses?**

Preview of a lesson in various courses:

Elementary: Go to <https://www.flvs.net/elementary?source=home>, scroll down to "Try a Sample Lesson", click one of the subjects listed below and a pop-up box will appear, click on a link within the pop-up box to view a sample lesson.

Middle and High School: Go to <https://www.flvs.net/online-courses/course-tours?source=courseCatalog>

- **What is the difference between FLVS Flex, FLVS Full-Time, and County Virtual School (MDVS)?**

Nassau Virtual or My District Virtual School: Nassau Virtual full and part-time students fall under this category. Students are enrolled in the Nassau County School District and remain public-school students. Students follow a 180-day school year and must participate in state assessments. Funding from the State of Florida remains in the school district. Students must adhere to all Florida Statutes for public school students.

FLVS Flex (full-time): These courses are offered to students who enroll in Home Education. Students are no longer enrolled in the Nassau County School District. Students are no longer considered a public-school student. Funding from the State of Florida goes to FLVS. Home Education students are not eligible for a standard Florida diploma and are not required to participate in state assessments.

FLVS Full-Time: These courses are offered to students who enroll in FLVS as a school district (#71). Students are no longer enrolled in the Nassau County School District. Students are considered a public-school student in District 71- FLVS. Students follow a 180-day school year and must participate in state assessments. Funding from the State of Florida goes to FLVS.

- **Is there a difference in the curriculum between FLVS and MDVS?**

There is no difference between the curricula. However, there are a few classes that are offered to FLVS full-time students that are not offered to FLVS Flex or MDVS (Nassau Virtual) students.

- **Can a Nassau Virtual (MDVS) student take a course through FLVS Flex if it is not offered by MDVS?**

Yes, a student can take a course through FLVS Flex if it is not offered by MDVS. For example, Art History and Criticism is a popular elective that is not offered by MDVS, but Nassau Virtual students can take this course through FLVS Flex.

- **Can students take AP and Honors courses in MDVS?**

Yes, AP and Honors courses are available for High School students. Advanced classes are available for Middle School students.

MDVS Courses: <https://sites.google.com/nefec.org/mdvs/mdvs-powered-by-flvs?authuser=0>

- **Will there be live lessons in MDVS courses?**

Weekly live instruction will be available for the following courses.

- Elementary: Language Art, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Middle Grades: Language Art, Math, Algebra I, and Science
- High School: Language Art, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Environmental Science, Earth Space Science, and Physical Science.

Teachers are available during office hours for all other courses.

- **What happens if my child needs help with an assignment or concept?**

The student can stop working temporarily and text or email the teacher explaining where they need help. If the student needs significant assistance on an assignment or a concept, the student should attend the teacher's scheduled office hours or arrange a tutoring time with the teacher.