

Allendale Academy's Guide to the FLVS (Florida Virtual School)

What is the FLVS?

Florida Virtual School is a public school program online, paid for by the Florida Department of Education.

What do the courses cost?

There is no charge for the courses and books for Florida residents. Non-Florida residents who wish to enroll will be charged \$375.00 for all ½ credit courses and \$750.00 for all full credit courses. All course materials sent to you **must** be returned at the end of the course.

What courses are available?

6-8 grade courses categories are: Business, English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Study Skills.

9-12 grade courses are available in basic academic, honors, and AP. Courses categories are: Art, Business, Computer, English, Foreign Language, Health/P.E., Social Studies, Math, Science and Study Skills.

Are these courses accredited?

Yes. However, 6-8 grade level courses do not earn high school credit.

Who can participate?

Florida residents, tuition free. Non-Florida residents, tuition based on course selection.

How do I register?

The first step is to sign on to www.FLVS.net. Review course information, policies, etc. Follow the on-line prompts to fill out initial application.. Under '**School Information**' click on '**Pinellas District**', regardless of where you live, then click on '**Allendale Academy**'. After selecting courses, have your 'guardian/parent' approve them.

How does it work?

Once the registration and course selection is completed by you and approved by your guardian/parent, Allendale Academy will be notified by FLVS to approve your selections. Your name will then be put on a waiting list. If the course is available, you will receive an email from FLVS. Next, you will be contacted by the teacher **will help you set up your** assignment schedule. Course materials, when appropriate, will be mailed to you. (These **must** be returned at the end of the course.) Students are allowed to work at their own pace within certain guidelines. These guidelines will be determined during initial contact between the teacher and the student. Tests are graded by the teacher. Course grades are sent to the parents and to Allendale. Grades are added to your school record.

When selecting courses only register for courses you want to and are able to take. You must be available to take all the courses you register for. Due to limited space, **DO NOT** register for any class you are not willing to commit to in any given semester.

Parent's responsibility is to read through the FLVS information and review all policies. Approve the selected courses. After course(s) are selected, make sure the student is kept on track for their completion.

Become and remain involved in your student's school work. This is a wonderful resource provided by the Department of Education, please use it wisely (our tax dollars at work). Allendale Academy Report Cards and Attendance Forms are required from all students even if they only take FLVS classes. FLVS transcripts are required to be submitted to fulfill the High School work sample requirement.

Student's responsibility is to read through the course descriptions and demos before registering. Careful consideration must be given to course selection since withdrawing from a course carries penalties. Withdrawing according to FLVS procedure will not incur a penalty.

Allendale's responsibility is to review course selections, approve them, and assign credit as appropriate. We are available for counseling if you have questions.

Withdrawal penalties: Students who do not follow their assignment guidelines and fail to submit course assignments on time will receive a No Contact letter from FLVS. If assignments are not received within 14 days of date of the letter and the required pace of submitting work is not followed, the student will be dropped from the course for non-participation. Students who are dropped from the course after the initial 28-day grace period will receive a grade of "Withdrawn-Failing." Students who are dropped from the course after completing 50% or more of the course work will receive a grade of "F." The F will remain on your transcript unless you retake the course, either through FLVS or other means.

If an Allendale Academy student is dropped or withdraws from more than 3 courses, a conference between Allendale and the parent must be held before any further registration requests will be submitted to the program.