

# VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

## VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Lemon Bay High School will provide our students with the opportunity to meet their learning needs in a variety of settings; thus, we will provide a virtual learning environment for students to enrich and enhance their high school experience and complete the Digital Learning Bill requirement as needed for graduation for ninth grade students entering in the year 2011-12 and beyond. In addition to this requirement, students may have the opportunity to complete courses through Charlotte Virtual School, Florida Virtual School and Dual Enrollment on-line courses (pending qualifying eligibility).

Students must work with their guidance counselor during registration as well as throughout the year to determine which on-line courses would be beneficial to them to enhance their educational experiences.

### Charlotte Virtual School

Charlotte County Public Schools now has a virtual franchise where students can take virtual courses from our district teachers. Charlotte County launched a full-time K-12 virtual instruction program during the 2009-2010 school year. The Charlotte Virtual Instruction Program is open to Charlotte County students in public, private or home school, grades 6 – 12, and is governed by F.S. 1002.45. The curriculum adheres to the State of Florida standards.

To be eligible for the program, students must have spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in Florida or be the dependent of a member of the military who was transferred in the last 12 months (proof of transfer required.)

### Student Expectations

There are very specific student expectations that should be considered before applying for a distance-learning course. Students must be able to demonstrate the following:

- organizational skills in a self-paced environment
- ability to apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies
- ability to complete assignments satisfactorily
- willingness and capability to participate actively in on-line chat-room discussions
- ability to work independently without continuous face-to-face monitoring and,
- basic internet skills (search, research, and etiquette)

Students direct their own learning environment and methods to fulfill course requirements and achieve individual academic success. Students must have a strong commitment to organize and plan their learning.

## **FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL (FLVS)**

Florida Virtual School is an internet-based middle and high school funded by the Florida legislature. The courses offered are based on the State of Florida Department of Education Standards and provide Florida's students with an alternative way to earn credits for high school graduation. A major characteristic of this system is the expectation that students assume full responsibility for learning by locating, evaluating, and using a wide range of resources available in this information age. These courses are most suited to students who are self-motivated, committed, and fully matured independent learners. All courses taken must follow the Charlotte County High School Guidelines and be approved by the guidance counselor.