



## **Hillsborough Virtual School (HVS)**

### **Full-Time Eligibility Criteria**



#### **Hillsborough Virtual School Information**

Hillsborough Virtual School is a school choice option in which students in kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade learn in a digital space using a web-based curriculum with highly qualified teachers from Hillsborough County. HVS students are required to participate in all state and district-mandated testing in person at a Hillsborough County Schools facility. Students who meet district and state requirements, as set forth by the Florida Department of Education, are eligible to receive a diploma.

#### **Residency Requirements**

- Each student must be a legal resident in the state of Florida.

#### **Age Requirements**

- Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten in the school year for which he or she is enrolling.
- Students must be 6 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in First Grade in the school year for which he or she is enrolling and successfully completed Kindergarten.

#### **Academic Recommendations**

##### **Incoming Kindergarteners**

- No academic recommendations apply.

##### **Incoming 1st – 3rd Graders**

- Successful completion of previous grade level.
- Satisfactory performance\*\* on previous year FAST PM3\* as well as a clear predictor of student success based on academic history.

##### **Incoming 4th - 6th Graders**

- Successful completion of previous grade level.
- Satisfactory performance\*\* on previous year FAST PM3\* as well as a clear predictor of student success based on academic history.

##### **Incoming 7th - 8th Graders**

- Passing grades in previous grade level core courses, including math, science, social studies, and language arts.
- Satisfactory performance\*\* on previous year FAST PM3\* as well as a clear predictor of student success based on academic history.

##### **Incoming 9th Graders**

- Promotion from 8th grade.
- Satisfactory performance\*\* on previous year FAST PM3\* as well as a clear predictor of student success based on academic history.

##### **Incoming 10th Graders**

- Satisfactory performance\*\* on 9th grade FAST PM3\* ELA and any applicable EOCs.
- Successful course completion of English 1 and Algebra 1, along with all credits required for graduation.
- 6 minimum accumulated credits.
- Minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0, if applicable.



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#### **Incoming 11th Graders**

- Satisfactory performance\*\* on 10th grade FAST PM3\* ELA and any applicable EOCs.
- Successful course completion of English 1, 2 **and** 2 Math Credits (Algebra 1 Required) **and** 1 Science **and** 1 Social Studies, along with all credits required for graduation.
- 12 minimum accumulated credits.
- Minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0, if applicable.

#### **Incoming 12th Graders**

- Satisfactory performance\*\* on 10th grade FAST PM3\* ELA and any applicable EOCs.
- Successful course completion of English 1, 2, 3 **and** 3 Math Credits (Algebra 1 Required) **and** 2 Sciences **and** 2 Social Studies, along with all credits required for graduation.
- 18 minimum accumulated credits.
- Minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0, if applicable.

\* Official standardized test scores administrated by another public or private school can be used in place of FAST PM3 scores for private, out-of-state, or homeschool students.

\*\* Satisfactory performance is defined as level 3 or higher on the most recent Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) per grade level as defined by the Florida Department of Education's achievement levels. [Click here to review each achievement level](#). Students may also demonstrate academic achievement through proficient grade level scores on an official standardized test administered by another public or private school system or a strong academic history.

#### **Technology Requirements**

- [Click here to view the technology requirements for HVK12 full-time students](#)

#### **Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Criteria**

- Students with disabilities are required to meet the state and school admission criteria to be accepted into HVK12, just as their non-disabled peers.
- Current Individual Educational Plans (IEP) of student applicants who meet the school's entrance criteria will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine whether full-time online education is the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and therefore an appropriate option for school choice.
- All necessary Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services and related services noted on a student's IEP (or 504 Plan) must be able to be delivered in an online manner and must be readily available at HVK12 for a student's enrollment to be accepted in HVK12 as the LRE.

#### **English Language Learners (ELL) Criteria**

- Students classified as ELL are required to meet the state and school admission criteria in order to be accepted into HVK12.
- Current ELL plans of student applicants who meet the school's entrance criteria will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine whether full-time online education is an appropriate option for school choice.

#### **Home Education Criteria**

- Previous year home education students must present their most recent district home education evaluation indicating that student has successfully completed the previous grade level.
- Students enrolling from home education or nonaccredited programs who do not possess an official transcript will be placed at the appropriate sequential course level.