



Hillsborough Virtual K-12 (HVK12) **Full-Time Eligibility Criteria**



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Hillsborough Virtual K-12 Information

Hillsborough Virtual K-12 is a school choice option in which students in Kindergarten-12th grade learn in a digital space using a web-based curriculum with highly-qualified teachers from Hillsborough County. HVK12 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

Incoming 4th - 6th Graders

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

Incoming 10th Graders

- Satisfactory performance** on 9th grade FSA* 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

Incoming 11th Graders

- Satisfactory performance** on 10th grade FSA* 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



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Incoming 12th Graders

- Satisfactory performance** on 10th grade FSA* 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

* FSA scores not required for students that are incoming from private, out-of-state, or homeschool.

** Satisfactory performance is defined as level 3 or higher on the most recent Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) per grade level as defined by the Florida Department of Education's achievement levels and scale scores. [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

To maintain contact with teachers, staff, and administration, students must have **access** to the following:

- Computer (not an iPad or cellphone)
- Internet service
- Email
- Telephone

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Criteria

- Students with disabilities are required to meet the state and school admission criteria in order 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 in order 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 in order 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