



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 – 2nd Graders

- Successful completion of previous grade level.
- Satisfactory performance** on most recent STAR Assessment* as well as a clear predictor of student success based on academic history.

Incoming 3rd Graders

- Successful completion of previous grade level.
- Satisfactory performance** on most recent STAR Assessment* 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 PM* 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 PM* 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 PM * 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.



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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.

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.

* Official standardized test scores administrated by another public or private school can be used in place of STAR/FAST PM 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.