



PVS Live! K-5

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Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) has looked for ways to improve its processes over the last year to ensure 100% student success. In order to provide the best online learning environment, PVS is adding daily, live instruction to the current independent, online, standards-based instruction. PVS Live! will feature daily live interaction between the online teacher and students. PVS Live! is an option for K-5 students during the 2021-22 school year.

PVS LIVE! ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED SIX CLASSES:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Computer Education
- Physical Education

PVS LIVE! DAILY, LIVE INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

- English Language Arts, 60 minutes daily, live instruction
- Mathematics, 60 minutes daily, live instruction
- Science, 30 minutes daily, live instruction
- Social Studies, 60 minutes weekly, live instruction
- Computer Education, self-paced
- Physical Education, self-paced

HIGHLIGHTS OF PVS LIVE!:

- Class-size will average 35 to 1, but could be as large as 50 to 1 with a Pinellas County, highly qualified, Florida-certified teacher
- Students will have cameras on daily to be able to interact directly with the teacher
- Pinellas Virtual School uses the Florida Virtual School curriculum which is available online for students and easily accessible 24/7
- Supports and accommodations are provided for students with disabilities
- Most materials provided online
- Uses the 180-day Pinellas County School Board calendar
- State-testing taken in person at designated school building site

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY HAS PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS CHANGED THE VIRTUAL MODEL FOR GRADES K-5?

Student achievement is best when students have daily interaction with a high-quality teacher. This new model will allow for approximately three hours of direct instruction and interaction, with three hours of self-paced learning using the established curriculum of the Florida Virtual School.

WHY IS THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 35 STUDENTS FOR EVERY ONE TEACHER?

Funding for virtual school education is different than face to face instruction as the curriculum is designed to be self-paced with parents or other adults assisting students as needed. In a typical virtual school model, teachers are required to meet with students only once per month and have between 60 and 100 students on their caseload. In the PVS Live! model, teachers will teach an average of 35 students in a live session for about three hours each day and spend the other half of the day grading, supporting students individually, and planning for instruction.

CAN STUDENTS JOIN PVS LIVE! AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR? DO THEY HAVE TO STAY THE ENTIRE YEAR?

Students must join PVS Live! by August 20, 2021. After that time, PVS Live! will no longer be an option for first semester. A second opportunity to join will be based on space available for second semester in January 2022. This is consistent with every previous school year. Once a student is enrolled, they may transfer back to their zoned school during the first semester before October 1 or at the semester break. PVS works with students to be successful in the virtual environment. If the family desires a change back to a traditional school, PVS will work with families to do so in a seamless manner.

IF A STUDENT WANTS TO SAVE THEIR SEAT AT THEIR DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAM SCHOOL AND ATTEND PVS LIVE! FOR FIRST SEMESTER MAY THEY DO SO?

In grades K-5, yes. Some families may want to have their child attend PVS Live! until an opportunity exists for their child be vaccinated for COVID-19. Once vaccinations are readily available, Pinellas County Schools will no longer hold seats for students in District Application Programs.

IF A STUDENT ATTENDS PVS LIVE! MAY THEY CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AT THEIR ORIGINAL SCHOOL?

No. Students attending PVS are part of their own school community and have unique opportunities to interact online and, occasionally, in person if desired. While students may return to their zoned school or the District Application Program school that they originally attended after attending PVS Live!, they will no longer be a part of the activities, phone call outs, or other unique programs of the face-to-face school. They will receive regular updates, phone calls, and interactions from Pinellas Virtual School.