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## **Florida Virtual School® and University of Florida Partner for Dual Enrollment Program**

**Orlando, FL (July 18, 2018)** – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide online public school district, is partnering with the University of Florida (UF) to offer a dual enrollment program for current FLVS Full Time high school students in the 2018-19 school year.

This dual enrollment program is designed to help eligible accelerated students in FLVS Full Time access the University of Florida's coursework that will help them get ahead in their studies. These courses are taught entirely online and led by the faculty at UF. This program allows students to fully understand the real college learning experience, and to see first-hand what they can expect throughout their college career. This program will also allow students the opportunity to accelerate in their studies and take courses that count towards high school credit and, ultimately, towards a university degree.

"UF is excited to collaborate with Florida Virtual School. This partnership provides an opportunity for high achieving, high potential FLVS students to experience the academic rigor and engagement of Florida's flagship university from wherever they live in our state," said Dr. Brian Marchman, Assistant Provost and Director at the University of Florida. "It is our hope that by introducing this program to FLVS students while in high school, each will consider becoming a Gator or pursuing higher education in a university of our caliber."

"We are proud to join forces with the University of Florida for this dual enrollment program and we are excited the FLVS dual enrollment program with UF is already full for the 2018-19 school year," said Robin Winder, Executive Director, Full Time Instruction for Florida Virtual School. "We always strive to give our students the best opportunities to tailor their academic journey."

Dual Enrollment credits may be in addition to the normal school load or a part of the student's regular course load. Some of the courses that are eligible for Dual Enrollment include Art Appreciation, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Marriage and Family, various foreign language courses, and Theater Appreciation, to name a few. Students may not take more than two UF Online Dual Enrollment courses per semester.

For more information regarding the dual enrollment program at UF, visit <http://dualenrollment.dce.ufl.edu/>. For more information on Florida Virtual School, please visit [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net).

### *About Florida Virtual School*

[Florida Virtual School® \(FLVS®\)](#) is a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 150 courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Its certified teachers use a variety of personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. Since 1997, FLVS students have successfully completed more than 3.6 million semester enrollments. FLVS also provides its courseware and expertise to online and blended learning programs across the nation. Services include content licensing, FLVS Global School, District Virtual Schools, digital learning labs, and professional development. As a not-for-profit, FLVS reinvests revenue into the development of new educational technologies and the creation of the highest-quality courses, benefiting students in Florida and beyond. To learn more, visit [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net).

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*About University of Florida*

A leading national public research university founded in 1853, the University of Florida (UF) was designated “preeminent” in 2013 by the Florida Legislature and serves as the state’s flagship land-grant university. The state’s oldest and most academically comprehensive university, UF is one of the nation’s top 10 public universities and is a member of the prestigious *Association of American Universities*. UF serves more than 58,000 students, including more than 8,000 via distance learning, through its 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes. UF contributes nearly \$6 billion annually to Florida's economy. A top tier research hub, UF is home to more than 10,000 active research projects and \$724 million in research awards. UF’s award-winning faculty consists of two Pulitzer Prize winners and 43 elected members of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The UF Dual Enrollment program will serve an estimated 1,500 student enrollments from approximately 20 public school districts in 2018-19.

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