

Full-time VOL Student Attendance Policy

Attendance (Florida Statute 1003.21)

Regular participation in online classes is critical to student success. Virtual “attendance” is taken each school day by students logging into their Focus Student Portal and clicking the “I’m Present” button each school day. Additionally, student attendance is determined by student’s making successful academic progress. Students are expected to complete all required coursework for a given grade level during the school year. The schedule and rate at which a student completes work are referred to as “pace.” Each virtual course has a pacing guide that serves as a map to successful course completion. Students are expected to stay “on pace” by completing assignments according to the pacing guide.

Students have access to the virtual courses 24 hours a day/7 days a week. This allows students to work ahead of pace and complete work from any location. Therefore, if a student’s course percentage completion rate (average of 7% per week per course) is not on pace, the student is not earning passing grades (above a 59%) for work completed, and/or does not communicate with the teacher, the student may be considered absent. Consistent absenteeism could result in the student being withdrawn from the VOL full-time school. Parents and guardians have a legal responsibility to ensure that their student(s) are fully participating in their online courses by monitoring their progress.



A student is considered “in attendance” if they log into their Focus Student Portal and clicking the “I’m Present” button each school day by 12:00pm (Noon)



A student is considered “in attendance” or Present if they submit assignments according to the pacing guide for each course or if they work in the course Monday through Sunday, though weekends are not required.



A student is considered “not in attendance” or Absent based on the following criteria for the specific platform the course is located:

FLVS	Edgenuity	Canvas
If a student is more than 2 weeks behind as determined by the pace guide AND	If a student is more than 10% behind the expected pace as determined by the dashboard target completion based on start and due dates AND	If a student is more than 10% behind the expected pace as determined by student start date AND
If the student has not completed any in the last 7 days.	If a student has not completed any work in the last 7 days.	If a student has not completed any work in the last 7 days.



Parent(s) and guardian(s) can monitor student progress by viewing the students online course platform (FLVS, Edgenuity and/or Canvas) – just ask your student to show you their dashboard.



Teachers are required to notify the student and parent or guardian when the student is falling behind pace or is not working in the assigned course for more than 7 days.



If a student falls more than two weeks behind pace, the parent and student will be required to attend a meeting in which the student will be placed on a Student Success Contract.



Continued absences can result in intervention via the school social worker and/or the student being withdrawn from VOL to return to the zoned school.