

# Hardee Virtual Academy (6-12)

## What Is Hardee Virtual Academy?

### **Vision**

The vision of HVA is to empower and inspire all students for success through a high quality virtual education option that uses best practices to engage students and promote academic excellence.

### **Mission**

Our Mission is to provide all students a high-quality education in a nurturing and creative environment to develop responsible citizens through online learning.

### **What is HVA?**

Hardee Virtual Academy is an online school of choice offered by the Hardee County School District for grades 6-12. We offer part time and full time enrollment.

### **Full Time Options**

Hardee Virtual Academy is a district school of choice meaning students must apply and be accepted. Acceptance is based on prior student grades, test scores, and student attendance and students must successfully participate in a probationary period at the beginning of the semester to show they are a good fit for virtual learning. The rationale for our selective process is based on the premise that if a student is not successful in the Full Time program or chooses to withdraw, a student can severely disrupt their graduation timeline.

### **Part Time Options**

Students are able to take HVA courses during the school day. Parents will be required to supervise students outside of their regular school schedule and during virtual courses. If you are looking to have your child take a HVA course during the school day, please work with your child's guidance counselor for placement.

### **What type of student would thrive in an online environment?**

Students must be self-disciplined in their work habits, enjoy academic rigor, and have a growth mindset.

### **Enrollment Windows**

Enrollment windows will open in April of each year. A second enrollment window, for second semester, will open in late November/early December.

## **Questions and Answers**

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**How is HVA different from the Florida Virtual School (FLVS)?**

HVA is not a franchise of FLVS. We use the Edgenuity curriculum, but instruction is provided by Hardee County teachers.

**Can my HVA student still participate in public school sports?**

Yes. HVA students are eligible to participate in sports at their zoned public school. You must notify the school of your intention to participate in sports BEFORE the beginning of the athletic season in which you wish to participate.

**Can I participate in other activities at the public school like clubs, band, etc.?**

Maybe. If you are registered as an HVA student with the district, you may submit a request in writing to the principal of your zoned school requesting permission to participate in an activity at that school.

**Can I monitor my student's progress online?**

Hardee Virtual Academy requires all parents to open and maintain a guardian account. Through this effective communication tool, parents will know almost as much as the teacher about their student's progress.

**How do I sign up for Hardee Virtual Academy if my student is currently in FLVS?**

Your student should complete the current course in which he or she is enrolled and then when the time comes to select a new course, simply visit the HVA website to complete the application process.

**Is there any counseling on course requirements available to Hardee Virtual Academy students?**

Yes, we are staffed with our own guidance counselor. We encourage you to make an appointment with us so we can "begin with the end in mind".

**Can students receive a high school diploma through Hardee Virtual Academy?**

All part and full time HVA courses are accredited. Eligible students who enter the full time virtual instruction program can receive a diploma from a Hardee County School if they complete all graduation requirements.

**Can my student be enrolled part-time in Hardee Virtual Academy and part-time in regular high school?**

Yes, if a student makes these arrangements with the zoned public school before the beginning of the school year.

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