

SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT - ONLINE THRIVE FAQ'S
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What is the difference between Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) and Seaside Online Thrive?

Comprehensive distance learning will be similar to a regular school schedule with classes being taught by teachers remotely until we are able to have students safely return to schools. Classes will include synchronous learning opportunities with teachers. Online Thrive will be monitored by SSD staff, but will not have a synchronous learning component with a SSD teacher. A parent or another adult is needed to support a student while learning using Online Thrive. Online Thrive will be a homeschooling experience with SSD supplying the curriculum and materials.

What computer programs will be used in Online Thrive?

Students at the K-5 level who are registered for Online Thrive will use Florida Learning Virtual School (FLVS). All FLVS lessons, assignments, assessments, and returned graded work are accessed by logging into the Buzz platform. All students that request a Chromebook will be provided one with their specific Learning Kit (school supplies).

[Link to Florida Virtual Learning School K-5](#)

When will I get the login information for FLVS?

Login information will be provided at the end of Week 1.

Do we need to pick up supplies from GES?

You will be asked to come to GES to pick up your child's Chromebook and Learning Kit. In addition you will be asked to come in a second time to pick up their Interactive Notebook (3-ring binder that will include important information and handouts for the courses). The Interactive Notebook will be used throughout the year to hold the handouts SSD will print for the required courses.

What required courses will my student take?

All students will be required to take four core subject courses: English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. They will also be required to take two electives: Art and Physical Education. Students can choose to also take Spanish and Technology but both of these will not have course handouts supplied nor grades given. If families choose to participate in these courses, they can print out the materials using their home printer.

How much time will my child spend on their coursework?

Depending on the grade level, each core class (Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science) will take between 3-5 hours per week. Each elective will add an additional hour per week.

How will students that qualify for English Language Development (ELD) instruction be supported in the Seaside Online Thrive option?

Students that qualify for ELD will receive instruction from qualified staff through scheduled synchronous learning. ELD staff will support families to provide instruction given a culturally responsive framework.

How will special education services be provided for students participating in the Seaside Online Thrive option?

Students who receive special education services will receive their Specially Designed Instruction and related services (speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy) in a synchronous online learning environment. Families can expect to hear from their child's grade level teacher and specialist during the 1st week of school.

If I enroll my student in Seaside Online Thrive, will they participate in online learning for the rest of the school year?

Students will complete the first Semester in Online Thrive. At the end of the first trimester, families will have the option to change their academic program to Comprehensive Distance Learning if Online Thrive is not the best option.

Can we still get lunch in the Seaside Thrive Online program?

All K-5 students qualify for district provided lunch. The Seaside School District will deliver lunches daily to meal sites and students will continue to have access to free and reduced lunches. Please be certain that you submit up to date qualifying paperwork to the district.

When do students “have” to be online?

There will not be any mandatory synchronous learning activities for students who do not receive ELD or Special Education services. Students are to work on their coursework each day using a schedule set by a parent/adult.

Will teachers take attendance with students working online to begin the school year? SSD staff will take attendance daily by checking student’s time spent on required coursework on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is not a school day and SSD staff is not available to support via Office Hours. Students and families are responsible for staying on pace with their coursework and creating a daily schedule that accomplishes that.

Do I need to come up with a schedule or will there be a suggested schedule for my child? An individualized daily schedule for when students should be working on coursework will not be provided. Sample schedules will be included in the Interactive Notebook for reference. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for setting a schedule with students at home to keep up with their assignments.

How will students know if they are on pace with their work?

Every course the student is enrolled in has a pace chart. Pace charts - charts detail lessons and assignments to be completed weekly. Pace charts will be provided in the student’s Interactive Notebook (3-ring binder) by the school. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for setting a schedule with students at home to keep up with the assignments as outlined in the pace charts.

[Sample Segment/Semester Pace Chart](#)

How do I best support my child in their learning?

Online Thrive is a homeschooling experience so the best support for students is to set-up a consistent schedule, check-in and coach students on their coursework, and communicate with the teacher often about technology issues, feedback and grades on assignments, and additional support needed.

What is the role of the SSD teacher?

The teacher’s role is to monitor student progress on each course, provide feedback and grades on submitted assignments, be available to support issues with technology, and to provide social and emotional support for students.

What is the role of the parent/adult? How much parent/adult support is needed?

The parent/adult’s role is to be a coach for their student. Students will need a coach to support them in learning the technology platform (Buzz); to check on their lesson progress for each course daily; to implement the feedback the teacher gives on their assignments; and to provide additional coaching on challenging assignments. Initially, as students and parents/adults are learning Buzz, a lot of support is needed. As students get used to Buzz, parent/adult support will still be needed to check course progress daily; make sure that printable assignments are completed; and then submitted for grading. For students in K-2, additional support will be needed to read the lessons.

[FLVS Parent Support Guide - English](#)

What will the 2 weekly check-ins be like?

The goal is to hear how students are doing twice a week and to provide support to make it a successful homeschool experience. These check-ins can be done in a number of ways - texting through Remind, a phone call, sending an email, or a Zoom video meeting.

How does my child communicate with the teacher?

You can communicate by submitting your work and reading your teacher's feedback, by calling when you need immediate help, emailing when you have a question, sending a text through Remind, and joining the Zoom daily office hours. It is extremely

important that you turn in the required number of weekly assignments as outlined in your pace chart. Your teacher is there to help and encourage you to successfully complete this course.

Will the person communicating with my child be the same week to week to build a relationship with or connection with that adult?

Currently, there are three SSD staff members who are part of the Online Thrive support team. In order to address questions and solve problems quickly, as well as to provide feedback and grades within 48 hours of turning in work, the same SSD staff member may not always connect with the student. Ms. Alice will be the licensed teacher who will be hosting office hours and will also be the most regular communicator of information.

How will I get answers to my questions?

Your teacher will answer your emails within 24 hours. The phone will get you the quickest response. Please post your instructor's contact information in your work area so you can call immediately with your questions. Please do not hesitate to call. Additionally, you can send a text to your teacher through Remind and join the daily Zoom Office Hour.

How will work be graded?

75% of the assignments on FLVS are graded by the computer (eg. multiple choice quizzes, matching activities). 25% of the assignments are not able to be graded by the computer (eg. Writing assignments, math problem solving, short answer reading questions, etc.,) and will need to be done using a printable worksheet. Printable worksheets will be submitted as pictures using the directions on Buzz. All printable worksheets will be printed and sent to you by the SSD to be placed in the Interactive Notebook. You do not need a printer at home.

How often will work be graded?

Graded work will be returned to you in a timely manner, typically within 48 hours. It is important that you submit your work to your instructor through the learning management tool. If you send your assignments another way (e.g. email or fax), the grading is more cumbersome and may require a longer return time. It is also important that you submit work as soon as it is completed. If all assignments are submitted on Friday, for example, graded assignments may not be returned within 48 hours due to the amount of work to be graded.

Will students receive grades this year?

K-5 students, participating in Onlive Thrive, will receive grades related to required coursework.

Will there be a chance for the student to have a class chat or socialize with other students?

At this time, opportunities for students to video chat or to socialize in some other virtual way are not scheduled.

How do I check my student's progress?

A parent/adult can be added as an Observer to his/her student's coursework page on Buzz. As an observer, you will be able to check on your student's progress, to-do assignments, and grades. You will also be able to communicate with the teacher.