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Dear Duval County Public School Parent/Guardians:

We would like to inform you of the options for course enrollments, and graduation requirements that are a result of the Digital Learning Now Act passed by the Florida Legislature in May 2011.

- Students may have the option of participating in a full or part-time virtual instruction program, either through the district digital/virtual school, Duval Virtual Instruction Academy (DVIA), or through other options available by state statute.

Students eligible to participate in virtual instruction include the following:

- Students in attendance at a public school in Florida and reported by the school district for funding during both survey periods;
- Students who are dependent children of active duty military personnel, transferred within the last 12 months to this state;
- Students enrolled during the prior year in a state-funded and-approved virtual instruction program;
- Students with a sibling currently enrolled in a virtual instruction program; **or**
- Students entering kindergarten through fifth grade.

Students who entered ninth grade for the first time in 2011-2012 and thereafter must graduate from high school having successfully completed at least one online high school course. This requirement can be met in middle or high school through Duval Virtual Instruction Academy (DVIA) or other options available by statute. Many district schools are offering American Government in a school-based blended model to help students meet the online requirement. All virtual courses require approval by your child's school counselor prior to enrollment.

Students in grades 5-8 may be eligible to take accelerated courses at their school site with Duval Virtual Instruction Academy (DVIA) or other options available by statute, if they meet specific criteria. Any middle school course taken in elementary will be used to satisfy middle school promotion criteria once the student is enrolled in middle school. Any high school course taken in middle school will:

- a. appear on the high school transcript,
- b. count towards their high school GPA,
- c. count towards Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility, and
- d. count toward college admissions.

If you are interested in your grade 5 – 8 child taking an accelerated course next school year, please contact your child's school counselor.

DVIA opened enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year on **Monday, March 23 via the school website**. For information on enrolling fulltime with DVIA, visit <http://www.duvalschools.org/dvia> or call (904) 390-2037.

If you have additional questions, we encourage you to contact your child's school.