

# So, you want to know more about the guardian/parent's role in virtual education?

**Parent involvement** in a student's education is critical to student success. This holds true to a greater extent in the arena of virtual education. The following points should be considered when parents and students determine to use online learning as their primary educational environment.

- It is important to provide adequate adult supervision and support for optimal learning in a suitable, distraction free, environment for working.
- Parents should help the child decide upon a work schedule. At least 5-8 hours per week per course is the average time to complete work successfully.
- Progress should be monitored by the student. Parents have fluid access to many aspects of our virtual school, including grades, announcements, assignment feedback, participation reports and more. The tools provided will support the parent in monitoring their child's academic progress and processes. A parent/guardian account is provided for parents of virtual students. [Applying for a Virtual School parent/guardian account](#). Parents provide the teachers with their email addresses to receive monthly progress reports and to promote strong communication between the school and the home. Parents monitor progress by checking weekly to see submitted assignments and grades.
- Parents should encourage their child to ask questions of the teacher, by telephone or email, when s/he needs help.
- Parents should read instructor comments on assignments and discuss them with the student. Additionally, parents can call or email the teachers or guidance counselor as often as needed. Likewise, parents should make themselves available to discuss student progress; including providing current phone numbers and promptly returning calls from the faculty.
- When technical problems in the courseware or in the learning management system arise, the quickest solutions are generated by emailing [help@flvs.net](mailto:help@flvs.net).

Parents of **Home Schooled** students who are providing education for their child at home should use this link for additional information that applies to home schooling your child using Palm Beach Virtual.

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