



LAUDERDALE COUNTY VIRTUAL ACADEMY

2025-2026 Orientation

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LC Virtual Academy

Our Team



Lauderdale County Student
Success Center (Upstairs)

3336 Hough Road
Florence, AL 35630

Beside Wal-Mart & Across from
Meridian Brick

LC Virtual Academy Team

- Blake Prestage, Principal
- Catherine Esary, Secretary
- Nikki Rickard, Teacher/Coordinator
- Kim Malone, Teacher
- Jennifer Staggs, Teacher
- Joan Banks, Teacher



LCVA Student Handbook

Copy can be found at
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- Expectations
- Attendance
- Academic Policies



Lab Schedule

Lab time will provide students the opportunity to meet the attendance requirement for students not in good standing, or for any student to receive additional help, have a quiet place to work or participate in study groups. Students may request to meet virtually with a teacher.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12:00-2:30	9:00-11:00 12:00-2:00	8:30-11:00	9:00-11:00 12:00-2:00

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities



Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Monitor your student's progress regularly. (Weekly Progress Reports)
- Communicate frequently with your student's teacher
- Read and respond to all school correspondence as needed.
- Let the school know as soon as possible if there is an issue that prevents the student from working at home.
- Provide transportation to mandatory state and district tests and labs.
- Create/provide a workspace for your child that is free from distractions.
- Access to high-speed internet.
- Parents agree to meet with the supervising teacher as required (i.e. orientation, parent/student/teacher conference, or upon teacher request).

Student Responsibilities

- Manage time wisely to meet weekly progress goals
- Seek help when needed
 - Always use a respectful tone.
 - Students should use school email to communicate with their teachers.
- Maintain satisfactory attendance.
- Comply with all in-person and Google Meet requirements, including mandatory learning labs and assessments.
- Maintain a good study environment.
- Students with special needs must agree to participate in the services required by their learning plan or refuse these services in writing.



School Sponsored Events, Athletics, & Extracurriculars

- Students may participate in athletics, band, extracurriculars, and activities at their registered home school if they choose.
- Students should check their school email, registered school's webpage, district and school calendars and join school Remind groups for these school specific activities.
- Student's are responsible for reaching out to their home school Driver's Ed teacher regarding classwork and drive days.

We do not receive or know anything concerning school specific activities. Feel free to reach out to us with questions about these sorts of things and we will try our best to hunt down answers. Ultimately, it is up to the students and parent/guardians to keep up with home school specific activities.



ATTENDANCE



Attendance Requirements

LCVA will follow the [district calendar](#). Attendance will be recorded daily using Edgenuity login time-stamping.

- Adhere to the Lauderdale County Schools Attendance Policy
- Log in to courseware within the 24-hour window of the school day to document attendance
- Physical attendance when directed by virtual staff
- Provide documentation for excused absences within 3 days of absence
- Extended family travel should be approved by the LCVA Director using the [release time form](#)



Excuse Documentation

Excuses should be submitted within three days to to one of LCVA faculty and staff members. School officials will decide if the absence is excused by following state and local board guidelines.

- Excused for: (1) illness, (2) legal quarantine, (3) emergency conditions as determined by the principal, (4) inclement weather which would be dangerous as determined by the superintendent, (5) death in the immediate family, (6) Court subpoena, and (7) prior permission of the principal and consent of the parent or legal guardian.

Documentation Types

- Guardian note, not to exceed five (5) per semester
- Any additional absences must be doctor or court verified for school officials to determine if the absence(s) should be excused. Doctors'/Court Officials' excuses must have original signatures from appropriate medical/legal personnel.

Truancy

- 1st Unexcused Absence
 - Parents/guardians will be notified.
- 5th Unexcused Absence
 - Mandatory conference with administration and/or participate in the early warning program provided by the juvenile court.
 - Failure to appear will result in the filing of a petition against the parent/guardian or truancy charges filed against the student.
- 7th Unexcused Absence
 - File a complaint/petition against the child and/or parent/guardian, if appropriate.

Failure to attend any required in-person labs will result in unexcused absences.

ACADEMIC POLICIES



Course Progress

Adequate weekly progress is defined as, on target in ALL courses OR completing 10 hours a week AND 35 activities, each week.

- Idle time is ALWAYS subtracted
- Allows for flexible schedules while ensuring students do not fall behind

Good Standing

Good standing is determined based on the following criteria:

1. **Attendance:** Students are expected to log into Edgenuity daily to timestamp. Two or more unexcused absences will result in Level 2 support. Three or more unexcused absences will result in Level 3 support. Notes must be submitted within three days of the absence. Please email excuses to
2. **Course Progress:** Students must make adequate weekly progress in all courses.* Students who fail to meet the weekly progress requirements more than twice will be moved to the next level of support.
3. **Course Grades:** Students should maintain a passing grade in all courses. Students with an Actual Grade average of 59 or below in any course will be placed on Level 3 support.
4. **Participation in State and District Testing:** Failure to participate in state and district assessments will result in Level 3 support.
5. **Communication:** Failure to respond when requested to emails or phone calls will result in the student being moved to Level 3



Good Standing: Tiered Intervention

- **Level 1 - Good Standing:** Attend in-person labs only as needed/desired
- **Level 2 - First Offence:** Parent and student are notified via email. Conference may be required.
- **Level 3 - Second Offence:** Required in-person lab twice a month, up to two months.
- **Level 4 - Three or More Offences:** Additional violations will result in a probationary period where students are required to attend in-person labs as assigned by administration. Additional time requirements will be added if progress is not satisfactory.
- **Level 5 - Expulsion:** Students will be returned to their registered home school.



Maintaining Enrollment

To maintain continuous enrollment at LC Virtual Academy, a student must:

- COMPLETE and maintain an average of 60(D) or higher in each course
 - Evaluated each grading period/quarter
 - Earn sufficient credits
 - Maintain “Good Standing” throughout the grading period
- Participate in all state and local standardized testing. (In-Person)
 - Consistent communication
 - Email is our first resort.
 - Guardians should check email once a week (minimum)
 - Students (7-12) should check email every day and respond within 36 hours.
 - Honor all LCVA and district rules and policies.



Enrollment Revocation

LCVA has the right to revoke enrollment of any student based on any of the following conditions:

- Failure to meet any of the previously mentioned requirements to maintain enrollment.
- Inappropriate behavior or poor disciplinary record
- Attempts to circumvent the policies/procedures of the school and/or school system.
- Any other good and sufficient reason.

Enrollment is not guaranteed. LCVA will evaluate every student's enrollment status at the end of the first grading period/quarter (9 week) and as violations continue during the remaining three grading periods. Students who fail to meet the requirements listed above will be expelled from the LC Virtual Academy and sent back to their registered school. Out-of-district students are subject to expulsion from the district.



Course Structure & Exams

- Semester Courses
- Course loads may vary
- Students' will receive grades for:
 - Each grading period (quarter/nine week)
 - Semester (F1/F2) (quarter grades and exam grades averaged together)
- Report Cards can be viewed in PowerSchool
- [Important Dates](#)
- Exam Exemption: All students must take year long course exams first semester.
- Single and Second semester exams may be exempt

Grade	Attendance
A	No Unexcused Absences
B	No more than 5 excused absences



Grades in Edgenuity

Grades are calculated in real-time and each are important and serve different purposes. Grades are available 24/7 on the Edgenuity dashboard.

ACTUAL GRADE

The Actual Grade is the grade on the work you've submitted, penalizing for any past due work.

RELATIVE GRADE

The Relative Grade is the grade that a student would receive if they stopped working and received 0% for all unscored/unfinished coursework. This grade will be used to record Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 grades.

OVERALL GRADE

The Overall Grade is the average for the work the student has actually completed. This should ONLY be used to evaluate if the student is successfully completing the work they are attempting.



STUDENT CONDUCT



Plagiarism and Integrity

All district plagiarism policies apply to LCVA, please view the LCVA Student Handbook for more information.

- Cite all non-original work such as research, quotes, etc.
- All work that is submitted should be created by you.
- All tests and quizzes should be taken by you.
- All submitted work must be appropriate and related to the assignment requirements.

Violation of any policies may result in consequences including a failing grade, loss of credits, or LVCA withdrawal.

Real teachers are grading Spanish, Essays, Presentations and Posters. Make sure you put forth some effort!

PLAGIARISM CHECKER!!!!!!



Tech/Login

Can you get in?

- Chromebook
- School Google Account
- Clever
- Schoology



Username Passwords

Use the following to login:

Google Accounts

- Chromebook
- Clever: <https://clever.com/in/lcschools/student>
- Schoology: <http://lcschools.schoology.com/> (PE 7-8 Grade, Drivers Ed)



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- Chromebook Help
- Edgenuity Help
- Parent and Student Links/Forms
- Contact information

PLEASE include your student's full name, home school and grade in all communications.

