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## **Virtual School a new way to learn**

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The Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis Club learned about a school that doesn't start in the fall, end in the summer, have spring break or specific starting and ending times each day when Mary McCool, e-Learning manager for Florida Virtual School, spoke to the club last week.

Virtual School is an online high school serving students around the world in public, charter and private schools as well as home educated students.

Virtual School offers more than 80 courses including most graduation requirements, electives, test preparation, honors and Advanced Placement.

Florida Virtual School provides a dynamic and interactive learning experience versus the isolated correspondence school approach.

The teachers hold valid state and often national certifications in their subjects and receive extensive training and continuous formal mentoring. They maintain close relationships with students, parents and guidance counselors and the students hear from their teachers frequently.

Florida Virtual School covers a wide range of subjects including math, social studies, art, physical education, language arts, business technology, foreign language, and computer science and study skills. Students, teachers, parents and guidance counselors all have said that the school has provided a positive experience.

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