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## **Florida Virtual School To Study Best Practices for Online Learning**

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Florida Virtual School has received a \$314,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation for a two-year project in which the online institution will "gather best practices and methodologies for developing and delivering high-quality online learning for K-12 students," according to AT&T.

"As educators we have to make sure students are better prepared for an ever-changing work environment. It starts by giving them a well rounded education where they can build the skills and abilities to ubiquitously use technology," said FLVS President Julie Young, in a prepared statement. "Our work with the AT&T Foundation will allow us to support education through gaining additional knowledge about today's ever-changing learning environment so that we can work on enhancing the learning opportunities of students both here in the state of Florida and across the [United States]."

In addition to studying best practices and methodologies for improving online education, the 10-year-old FLVS will also use the research project to "identify support needs for continued growth of the online learning marketplace."

FLVS currently operates with educators in 35 states and has delivered more than 230,000 half-credit course enrollments to date, according to FLVS.

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