**What is the difference between Santa Rosa Online and FLVS?**

Santa Rosa Online is a franchise of Florida Virtual School (FLVS).  This means that we offer courses written and supported by Florida Virtual School, but taught by Santa Rosa County teachers.  Santa Rosa Online employs local, highly-qualified, Florida-certified teachers. Because of these factors, we are able to provide a personal touch such as in-person connections and tutoring. Our teachers build a close bond with their students.

Here are some reasons why we think you should choose Santa Rosa Online:

* Santa Rosa Online offers the same great courses as FLVS .
* Once guidance approval is given, students are classroom assigned within 24 hours.  Students requesting courses with FLVS are placed according to their institution’s procedures and capacity.
* We are one of 4 virtual schools in the state of Florida that received a school grade of “A”
* Teachers and counselors are local and actively communicate with the student’s school counselor, parents.

**Does my child have to log in at a specific time?**

For each online class, there is a pace chart that breaks down what work should be done each week. Students should be working during the school day and will have DBA’s and Live Lessons during school hours. Because we go by the same schedule as brick & mortar schools, students must complete courses by the end of each semester.

**Can my child work on the weekends?**

Yes.  One of the benefits of taking online classes is that students can work during non-traditional school hours such as evenings and weekends, but teachers are only available during the work week.

**Can my child finish the class early?**

Yes.  Another benefit of taking online classes is that students can work ahead of schedule and finish classes early.

**What grades can attend SRO?**

SRO accepts student in grade 1 – 12.

**If my child spends part of their school day at a brick and mortar school (i.e. a traditional school), can he/she work on their online classes there?**

Yes.  Your child will most likely be assigned a period(s) during the day where he/she can go to a computer lab to work on their online classes.  We highly encourage students to use this time.

**When can my child enroll?**

Full time students are encouraged to enroll early to ensure room is available.  Students taking SRO courses on a part-time basis can register at any time for a course

**Can my child still participate in sports, school activities, etc.?**

Yes, full-time SRO students can participate in all sports and extracurricular activities such as Band, NJROTC, Chorus, etc. at their zoned school. Taking part-time SRO classes does not impact a brick and mortar student’s ability to participate in sports and school activities.

**Is there a graduation ceremony?**

Yes, Santa Rosa Online hosts its own graduation ceremony, including all of the traditions that make the occasion special for family and friends.

**How often do I need to make contact with my child’s online teacher(s)?**

You will have contact with your child’s online teacher(s) at least once a month to discuss their progress.  It will be very important that you supply your child’s online teacher(s) with a phone number and email address that you can be reached at.  You can contact the online teacher(s) at any time as well with questions.

**Our family will be out of town for a period of time.  Can students work on their online classes out of state?**

Yes.  As long as a student has a computer and internet access they can continue to work in their online classes wherever they are.

**What are some challenges I might expect with my child taking online classes?**

With online classes, students (with the help of their parents/guardians) must make a greater effort to stay organized, create a schedule and manage their time, and work towards staying on pace with work.  As a parent/guardian, you will need to make sure you are periodically going online to check the progress of your child.

**What are some positive changes that I might see in my child as a result of them taking online classes?**

Students have the opportunity to develop skills related to organization and time management, develop a sense of responsibility, as well as take charge of their own learning.

**Does my child have to take standardized assessments?**

Students are required to take all required state assessments and must be taken on our campus during the designated testing time.

**Can my child take Dual Enrollment courses?**

Yes, if they meet all the requirements. Parents and/or students must provide transportation to and from the college.

**What do we do if we have technical issues?**

If technical issues arise, your child’s online teacher(s) will be there for initial support.  You will also have access to a technical support team if the issue extends beyond the teacher’s ability.

**What if my child starts an online class and discovers that this style of learning is not right for them?**

Students are required to complete the semester they are enrolled in. They may transfer at the end of that semester.

**Technology Requirements for Enrollment in Santa Rosa Online Courses**

Students will need a modern laptop or desktop computer.   Devices such as Chromebooks, tablets, and cell phone may not have the ability to perform all tasks required in a course.