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National Teen Driver Safety Week Oct. 20-26, 2019 FLVS Is Helping Students To Be Safe and Responsible Drivers

Orlando, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2019) – National Teen Driver Safety Week is Oct. 20-26, 2019. With more than 800,000 licensed teen drivers in the state of Florida, Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is encouraging parents to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of driving safety with their teen drivers and to address the most dangerous driving behaviors for teen drivers: alcohol, lack of seat belt use, distracted driving and speeding. Today, more than 46,000 students take the Driver Education/Traffic Safety course annually through Florida Virtual School.

According to the United States Department of Transportation, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15-18 years old) in the United States, ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence. Teen drivers are two times more likely to die in a car crash than adult drivers and according to the Dori Slosberg Foundation, they constitute the largest percentage of automobile crashes in Florida.

Through education, students can become safe, experienced drivers. Florida students are able to learn traffic signs and laws, develop collision avoidance skills, and gain real-world driving knowledge through road simulations in the Driver Education/Traffic Safety course offered online for free through Florida Virtual School. The newly enhanced course is customized to Florida and teaches students how to develop safe driving skills.

In addition to fulfilling the Florida's Digital Learning Act requirement and earning a half-credit elective, students completing the FLVS Driver Education/Traffic Safety course will receive the required Traffic Law & Substance Abuse Education (TLSAE) waiver. Students will have the opportunity to take up to 50 practice driving tests and take the Florida Learner's License (permit) exam for free online up to three times.

Students interested in registering for the FLVS <u>Driver Education/Traffic Safety course</u> should visit <u>www.flvs.net</u>.

For safe driving tips for teens, visit the FLVS blog, The Virtual Voice.

About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School® (FLVS®) is a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 190 courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Its certified teachers use a variety of personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. Since 1997, FLVS students have successfully completed more than 4.6 million semester enrollments. FLVS also provides its courseware and expertise to online and blended learning programs across the nation. Services include content licensing, FLVS Global School, District Virtual Schools, digital learning labs, and professional development. As a not-for-profit, FLVS reinvests supplemental funds into the development of new educational technologies and the creation of the highest-quality courses, benefiting Florida students. To learn more, visit www.flvs.net.