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*"Where Learning is the Expectation  
and Caring is a Commitment"*

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**#YourChoice: Semester 2 Student Enrollment Commitment for  
Current Virtual School families**

The Citrus County School District strives to do what is best for all students, and we know that students are best served by having stability and consistency in their learning. Building on the success of our *Citrus Cares! Reopening Plan*, we want to ensure students are making adequate academic progress in the best learning environment possible while continuing to promote parental choice.

Per the recent Emergency Order filed November 30, 2020 by Florida's Commissioner of Education, Richard Corcoran, we are reviewing the academic progress of our students who are currently participating in virtual learning and planning for the second semester that begins on January 19<sup>th</sup> and ends on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are asking Citrus Virtual families to commit to the learning option that is best suited for their student by responding to the *Student Enrollment Commitment Form* that will be available in Skyward Family Access the morning of Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Citrus Virtual families will also be receiving an email Thursday, December 3, with more details about this process. The *Student Enrollment Commitment Form* needs to be completed by Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The email will explain the options our virtual families have moving forward in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester based on their child's academic progress during the first semester of school.

"Our main priority is making sure our virtual students are achieving academic success," says Superintendent Sandra "Sam" Himmel. "Making this choice for the remainder of the school year is also going to help our students maintain consistency in their classrooms."

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## About Citrus County Schools:

Citrus County Schools serves approximately 15,000 students in pre-school through grade 12 across 22 campuses. We are where learning is the expectation and caring is the commitment. We provide exceptional academic, emotional and civic growth to every student, every day. Our passionate educators empower students to take charge of their academic and personal success. The school district spans the cities of Inverness and Crystal River and incorporates communities such as Beverly Hills, Citrus Springs, Floral City, Hernando, Holder, Homosassa, and Lecanto. Want to learn what makes us one of the best school districts in the Sunshine State? Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit [www.citrusschools.org](http://www.citrusschools.org).