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Flørida Virtual School® and Mawi Learning Offer New Critical Thinking and Study Skills Course

ORLANDO, Fla. (May 12, 2015) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS[®]) is once again joining forces with Mawi Learning to offer students a course that will increase their success in high school. The *Critical Thinking and Study Skills* course is a half-credit elective that teaches students how to get better grades and higher test scores.

Students who already perform well in school will learn new study and testing skills that will help them get even better. Students who struggle in school will learn about Success Mindsets, study skills and testing insight to help perform at new levels. Students will learn the ACE test-taking method to increase scores on key tests such as the ACT, SAT, and tests for graduation.

The lessons cover topics such as overcoming test day anxiety, proven organization and test taking skills, how challenges and failures lead to success, note taking and essay writing skills, and the difference between 2D and 3D thinking.

"Assessments are increasingly emphasizing critical thinking skills, so it imperative that we improve our students' ability to engage in higher order thinking," said Jodi Marshall, executive vice president, Business and School Solutions for FLVS. "We are thrilled to be collaborating once again with Mawi Learning to offer a course that will prepare our students for success in high school, college and in their careers."

"Our goal is to give the tools and resources our students need to be successful," said Mawi Asgedom, founder of Mawi Learning. "Helping our students master critical thinking skills is going to help our students succeed in all areas of their lives."

The *Critical Thinking and Study Skills* course is joining a powerful suite of courses offered by FLVS and Mawi Learning, which includes the *Peer Counseling, Career Research and Decision Making* and *Leadership Skills Development* courses. Students taking these courses will be able to fulfill their virtual learning requirement per Florida's Digital Learning Act. For more information on the suite of FLVS and Mawi Learning courses please visit www.flvs.net/mawilearning.

Students interested in registering in the *Critical Thinking and Study Skills* course or any of the other more than 140 courses FLVS offers should visit <u>www.flvs.net</u>.

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About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual Kindergarten-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the United States and the world. A nationally recognized elearning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, statewide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs. For more information on FLVS, visit <u>www.flvs.net</u>.

About Mawi Learning

Mawi Learning increase the academic, career, and life opportunities of students through leadership and character training in bedrock areas such as time management, goal-setting, mindsets, and grit. Mawi Learning's books, online courses, and trainings have been used more than 1 million students at more than 1,000 schools. For more information on Mawi Learning, visit www.MawiLearning.com

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