

VUE Dues 2025-26

After the announcement last week of an alternative option for dues payments for members on the 24 payment schedule, we have received an overwhelmingly positive response, so we wanted to run the information one last time.

If you are interested in moving from paying dues each time you are paid, and only paying 21 payments during the year, we need to hear from you before, July 1, 2025.

The option to move to an alternative 21- dues payment schedule is being offered for our members currently on a 24 dues payment schedule. (Members currently on the 22 payment schedule will be moved to the 21 payment schedule automatically.)

We are offering this option for multiple reasons, but most importantly because we know that our members need flexibility. We know that the first paycheck of the contractual year is very important and so are the checks received at the end of the contractual year. Moving to a 21 dues payment schedule will provide larger checks when you need the money the most.

This payment schedule will be optional for members on the 24 payment schedule, but all newly recruited and returning members into our VUE family for 2025-26 and beyond will be placed on the 21 dues schedule.

Converting to the 21 dues cycle will result in the following dues payments:

Instructional staff - 21 dues payments of \$36.50, 3 paychecks with \$0 dues, \$5 additional for 21 deductions.

Support staff earning less than \$30,000 per year- 21 dues payments of \$16.21, 1-3 paychecks with \$0 dues (depending on your contractual work year), \$1-\$2 additional for 21 deductions.

Support staff earning more than \$30,000 per year - 21 dues payments of \$22.25, 3 paychecks with \$0 dues, \$3 additional for 21 deductions.

If you are interested in converting to a 21 dues payment schedule for the 2025-26 year, please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.albert@floridaea.org. The first dues payment for the 25-26 year will occur on September 15, 2025 for 10 month instructional members who convert to this schedule prior to the beginning of preplanning.

VCS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer programs for VCS will begin in June for the VPK, SEA Lab, VFLEX, and the Pre-K Summer Bridge programs. The VPK program will begin on June 9 and continue through July 31, 2025. SEA Lab, VFLEX, and Pre-K Summer Bridge programs will run alternative schedules beginning in June.

The Next Generation CSI, BEST, Reading Camp, ESY, ESE Reading Camp, Credit Retrieval Labs, and Title I Summer STEM programs will begin on July 1 and continue through July 24, 2025.

Pre-planning dates will vary based upon program. Time sheets must be filled out daily and we encourage teachers and support staff working summer school to keep a daily log of hours worked.

If a substitute is needed, please let the site-based coach know in advance, if possible. Teachers and paras do not find their own subs this year, the coaches will reach out to the district for the approved summer substitutes.

For additional information related to VCS Summer Programs, please contact the VUE office or Elizabeth Senez at extension 23349.



FEA Retired Innovation Grants!

The deadline to submit an application for the FEA Retired Innovation Grant is September 25, 2025. Applications are currently being accepted.

Please send your completed application to CJ Allen @ cj-english@msn.com.

If you have questions of if you need additional information please contact the VUE office at 386-238-1605.

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Florida Education Association - Retired
\$250 INNOVATIVE GRANTS

Are you an FEA/VUE member? Do you have an idea that would benefit your students? Is there a project you would like to do in your classroom that you otherwise cannot afford? Here is help for you!

EASY APPLICATION PROCESS!

See your Building Rep or contact your FEA-Retired District Director

All information and details on the Vuc-Retired site:
<https://www.vucetired.org/grant-apply-2025-26.html>



Retiring or Resigning from VCS?

If you are planning to retire, resign or otherwise separate from VCS at the end of this year, we need to know. We need to update our membership files to reflect this change.

Our VUE policy states that it is the member's responsibility to inform the VUE office of any change in membership status.

If you are leaving, please contact Beth at beth.friedl@floridaea.org or call the office at 386-238-1605.



Field Day Fun!

The VUE staff has been out and about the last few weeks lending a helping hand during Field Days across the district. We have spent our time monitoring bounce houses, assisting with 4-legged races, filling countless buckets of water for Super Soaker battles, grilling hot dogs, and just providing general assistance where needed.

One thing is certain, our teachers, support staff, administrators, and students certainly deserve a DAY OF FUN. This has been a challenging year, and providing time to relax, play, and laugh together is the best remedy and reward for the hard work that has occurred.

As we close out the year, we want to recognize the dedication, resilience, and tenacity of the members of our union. Your commitment to the students, each other, and our union has not gone unnoticed. You've earned this time to celebrate, and we hope that your summer is safe and peaceful. We appreciate each of you for the amazing individuals you are, because YOU make a difference, and YOU are the reason we are VUE Strong! Solidarity!

Launch 0% Interest Loan!

Once again our friends at Launch Credit Union are offering their 0% Educators Loan to VUE members.

Eligible employees can borrow up to \$750 to be paid over a 6-month period. Apply between July 1st - August 31st. For more information, call 800-662-5257 or visit, www.launchcu.com.

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