



### What is home education?

Section 1002.01, F.S., defines home education as the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her parent or guardian, in order to satisfy the requirement for compulsory education as defined in Section 1002.20, F.S. Current law does not prescribe a curriculum or course of study for home education programs.

### Choosing to begin a Home Education Program?

Home education is an option for a growing number of parents. Some parents prepare their own materials and design their own programs of study, while others use materials produced by companies specializing in homeschool materials. Some take advantage of virtual school programs or other educational resources available on the Internet. Of course, exercising this option may require major changes in your family schedule. Teaching your children at home is an ambitious undertaking, requiring time, planning, creativity, and commitment.



For additional information about Home Education in the State of Florida, please visit

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/>



For specific questions related to Home Education in Walton County, please contact

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## Questions to consider about Home Education?

- Have you identified curriculum materials for your child, and how much they will cost?
- Is there a suitable place for your child's study and instruction?
- Do you, your spouse, or another homeschooling parent have adequate free time to be available to your homeschooling child?
- Do other families in your area homeschool their children?
- Is there a support group of homeschoolers near you?
- If you are interested in some outside instructional support, have you checked your local library, parks department, scouting organizations, public and private schools, and similar resources?
- Have you searched the Web for resources on instruction, legal issues, support groups, and other matters?
- Have you identified other resources you will need?



### Establishing a Home Education Program with Walton County School District

1. Review Home Education Information, Guidelines, and Procedures found at [www.walton.k12.fl.us/home-education](http://www.walton.k12.fl.us/home-education)
2. Withdraw from the school student is currently attending. \*If attending a school in WCSD, parent must withdraw from that school.
3. Complete a Notice of Intent to Establish a Home Education Program and submit to Walton County School District Home Education department.
4. Determine curriculum to be utilized

### Yearly Requirements

Florida Statutes require Home Education students be evaluated yearly and submit a written Evaluation Form.

1. Review Annual Evaluation Cover sheet.
2. Choose option which best suits your Home Education Program.
3. Submit Annual Evaluation by most recent enrollment date (required by state statute 1002.41).

### Terminating a Home Education Program

1. Submit Termination form to Walton County School District (required by state statute 1002.41(1)(9))
2. Enroll student in school of choice

### Are Home Schooled students eligible for Dual Enrollment?

Yes, please see additional information regarding home school students and dual enrollment at this link <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7709/urlt/dual-enrollment-faq.pdf>

### Are there Exceptional Student Education Services for Home Schooled students?

The school district is not obligated to provide ESE services to children in home education programs. For additional information on this topic, please go to [http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7709/urlt/ese\\_faqs.pdf](http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7709/urlt/ese_faqs.pdf)

### Are Home Education Students eligible for Bright Futures Scholarships?

Yes, if they meet the eligibility requirements. Please refer to the Non-traditional Student section of this handbook for Bright Futures eligibility information for Home Schooled Students.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaids.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaids.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>