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Broward County Home School Education

2023-2024 School Year

Disclaimer



Home School Education is NOT the same as Hospital Homebound



Hospital Homebound is a program for medically fragile students who remain enrolled with BCPS and are considered public school students



Home School Education students are NOT enrolled as BCPS students and, therefore, generate ZERO FTE dollars.



This presentation provides information for students and families who are choosing a Home School Education program.

History of Home School Education

- Home School Education was created in 1972 as a result of the supreme court ruling Wisconsin V Yoder, which authorized Amish parents the right to keep their children out of the public school system for religious reasons
- Each state creates their own laws regarding home education
- In 1985, Florida State Statute 1002.41 was established



What is Home School Education?

- A home school education program is defined by F.S. 1002.41 as the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by the parent to satisfy compulsory school attendance requirements of F.S. 1002.20
- It is an alternative to public, private, charter school enrollment as outlined in F.S. 1002.41 and is 100% parent driven
- Parents of home-schoolers are not required to hold a valid teaching certificate
- The state does not mandate a prescribed curriculum for home-schooled students



Home School Education is NOT...

- just a summer program
- a credit recovery program
- a short-term fix for students who have been failing all year
- appropriate for students who are medically fragile and in need of Hospital Homebound services
- appropriate for students with chronic attendance problems
- appropriate for students whose parents are not involved
- appropriate for students in transition and/or experiencing homelessness

Who can conduct a home education program?

- Any parent/guardian who complies with the reporting, record keeping, and student evaluation requirements specified in statutory law may conduct a home education program

How do home school education students receive instruction?



Home School Education students are no longer public-school students and, as such, the District does not send teachers to the home or instruct them virtually



Parents need to have researched available curriculum and/or available curriculum providers PRIOR to establishing a home education program



Parents may instruct their child(ren) themselves, they can pay for a private tutor or pay to become part of a home school coop, they can choose an approved online curriculum provider, and/or they can use a hybrid approach

What are the parental responsibilities?

- Parents assume ALL the responsibilities of the school as the parent of a home schooler
- Parents become the teacher, counselor, principal, ESE specialist, etc., as well as the record keeper to include updating and maintaining student transcripts
- Parents are responsible for providing curriculum, books, laptops, materials, reports cards, transcripts, educational activities, field trips, ESE services, **academic advisement**, etc.
- Virtual counselor will NOT update until/unless the student re-enrolls in a public school
- Schools are NOT to input credits until/unless the student re-enrolls in a public school



What are the basic home school education requirements, per F.S. 1004.21?

- 1) Parents must submit a Notice of Intent to home school AFTER withdrawing from their current school: Withdrawal code to home ed is W24
- 2) Parents must maintain an educational portfolio for two years to include work samples reading lists, a log of educational activities and any other materials used/or developed by the student
- 3) Parents must provide an annual evaluation to the home education office annually conducted by a FLDOE certified teacher
- 4) Parents must submit a Notice of Termination, along with a final annual evaluation to the home education office upon completion of the home education program

Students with a pattern of non- attendance

Students (ages 6-16) who enter home school education with a pattern of non-attendance from a traditional school are subject to portfolio reviews

Schools who have students entering home education with attendance concerns should email our office of the concern to activate the portfolio review process

Please provide the student(s) name, DOB, and referring school to home.education@browardschools.com



May home
school
education
students take
classes virtually
through their
local virtual
school?



Parents may choose Broward Virtual School (FLEX) as their curriculum provider




Classes/segments completed via Broward Virtual School get recorded on the A13, therefore, automatically updating the student's BCPS transcript



Visit www.bved.net for more information

Can home
school
education
students
participate in
activities at
their
boundaried
school?

- Home schooled students, per State Statute 1002.41, may receive District services to include participation in activities at their boundaried school
 - District services include sports, ESE testing, 504 eligibility, standardized testing, band, extracurricular activities, SAT waivers, dual enrollment at a technical school, etc.
 - ALL district service requests must go through our office
 - Student should NOT just be showing up at a school asking for anything without approval from our office
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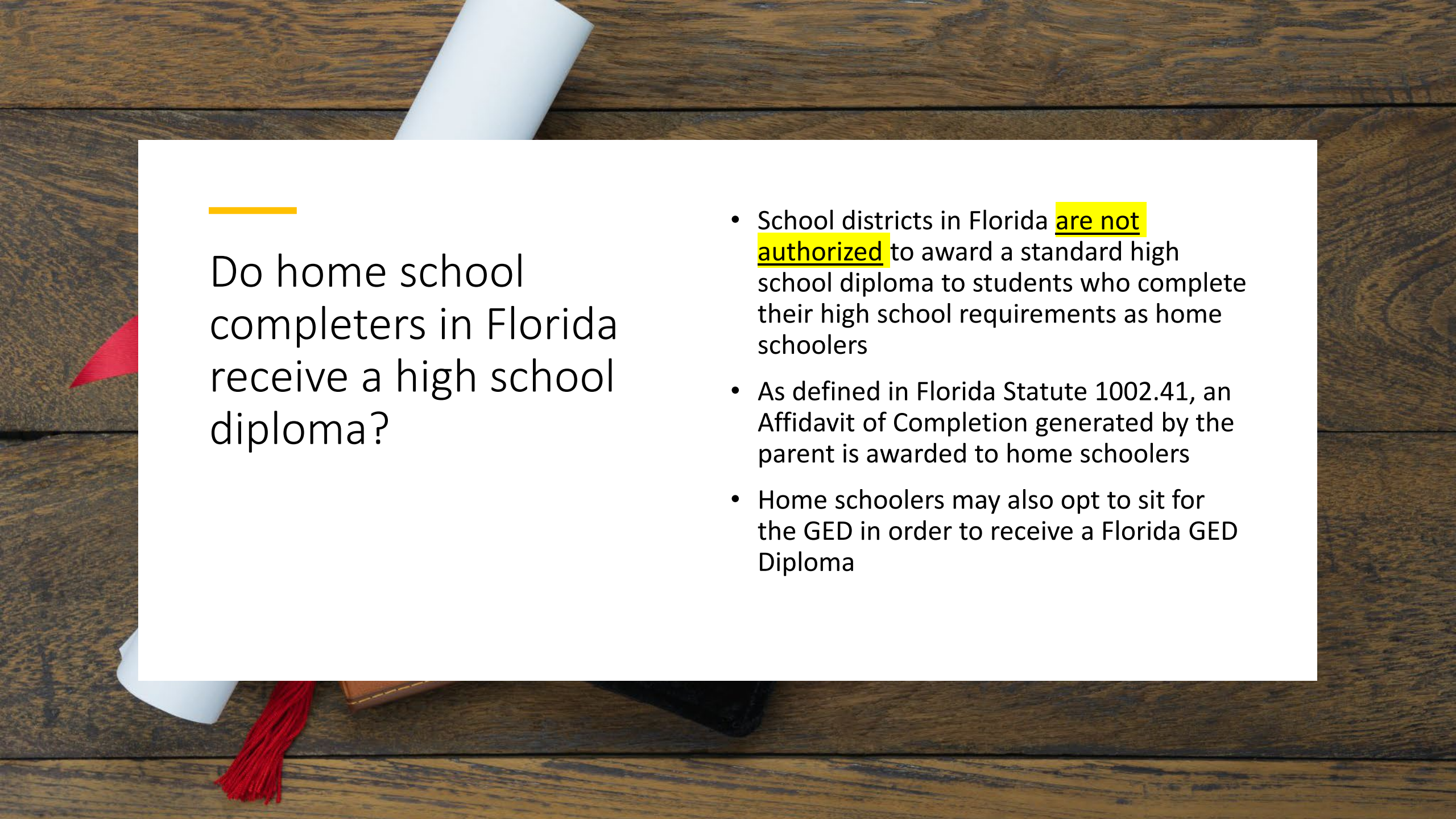
Are home schoolers required to take the FAST/EOC exams?

- Per State Statute, students who take and complete courses as home schoolers are NOT required to take the EOC as it is not calculated as part of their final grade
- They are not required to take an EOC as part of their final grade EVEN if they return to a traditional school
- Home schooled students do NOT have any standardized testing requirements for completion of high school

Students looking to re-enroll in a traditional school from home school education

- Parents are required to bring in 1) portfolio of work 2) annual evaluations 3) proof of courses completed
- Per Policy 5.1 grade placement of an incoming home schooler is determined by the principal based on what the parent brings in
- In the absence of records, follow the transfer policy to validate prior progress





Do home school completers in Florida receive a high school diploma?

- School districts in Florida are not authorized to award a standard high school diploma to students who complete their high school requirements as home schoolers
- As defined in Florida Statute 1002.41, an Affidavit of Completion generated by the parent is awarded to home schoolers
- Home schoolers may also opt to sit for the GED in order to receive a Florida GED Diploma



Home Schoolers and Bright Futures

- Home schoolers who are registered with the Broward Home Education Office AND in compliance with their annual evaluations for their last two years of high school may qualify for scholarships through Bright Futures
- Students need to meet all requirements as outlined in the **Bright Futures Student Handbook** for home schoolers or they may be required to obtain a GED

College Entrance



Each College Board of Trustees sets their own rules for incoming home education students



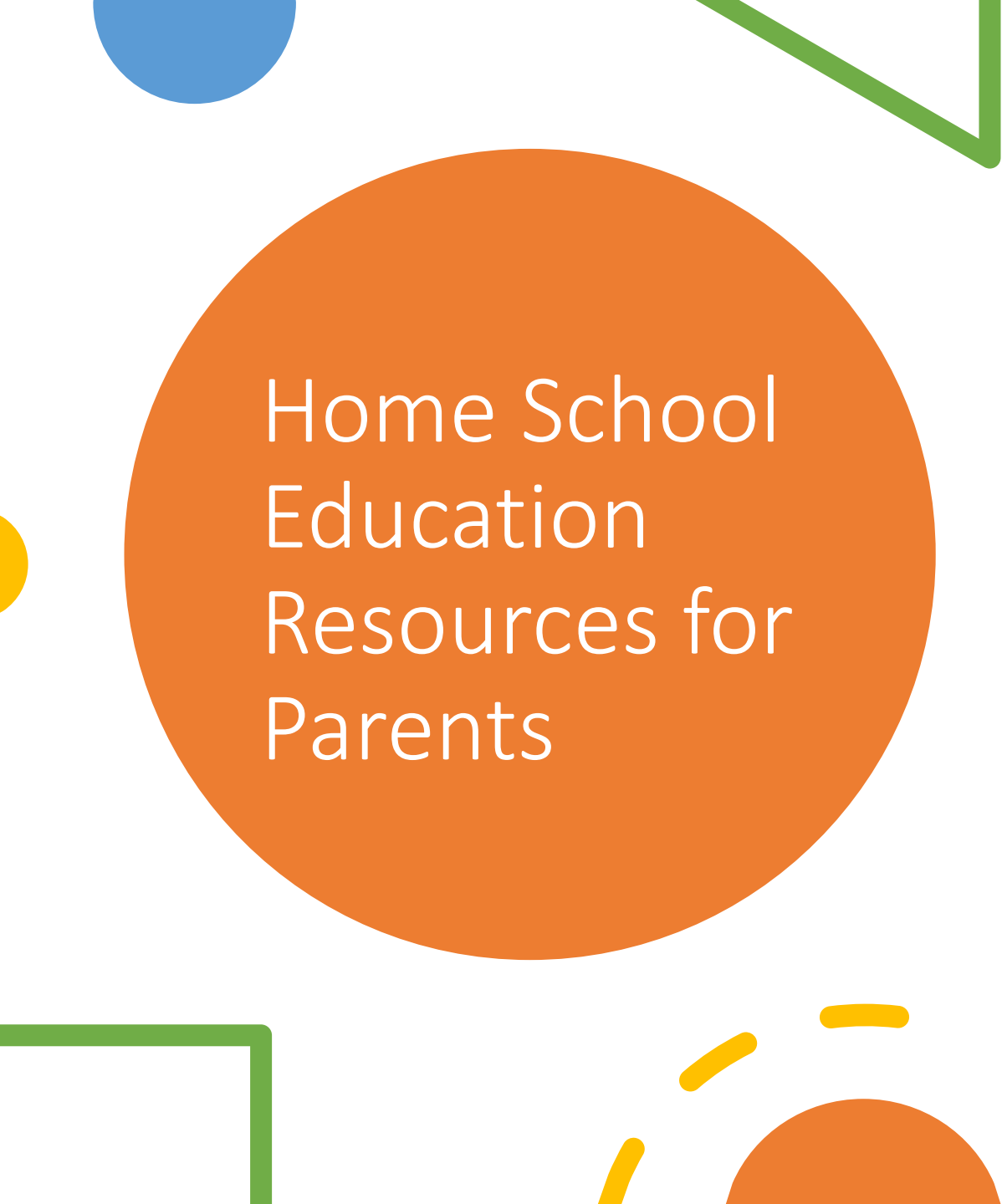
Florida Statute 1007.263 outlines the Affidavit of Completion is required for students completing a home school education program in Florida



Students need to meet all other entrance requirements outlines by the college/institution (SAT, transcripts with GPA, etc.)



Affidavit of Completion **may not be** reciprocal in other states or for government employment



Home School Education Resources for Parents

- The Florida Parent Educators Association www.fpea.com
- The Coalition for Responsible Home Schooling
www.responsiblehomeschooling.org
- Florida Home School Association www.floridahsa.org
- Broward School Home Education www.browardschools.com/homeed

Home School Education Contact Information

- We are located at Pompano Administrative Center at

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