

Broward County Public Schools
Home Education Program
Frequently Asked Questions

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 or guardian to satisfy compulsory school attendance requirements of F.S. 1002.20.

Home School Education is an alternative to public, private, or charter school that is 100% parent driven and the parent assumes ALL responsibilities for the education of their child(ren) including curriculum, books, laptops and materials, transcripts, ESE services, educational activities, and field trips.

How do Home School Education students receive instruction? Home School Education students are not public-school students and as such, the District does not send teachers to the home or instruct them virtually. The parent should have researched and know prior to enrolling in Home School Education how they are going to educate their child(ren). Any parent who complies with the reporting, record keeping, and student evaluation requirements specified in statutory law may conduct a home education program. The parent is not required to hold a valid regular Florida teaching certificate.

How does a parent enroll their child in the Florida Home School Education Program in Broward County?

If a child is currently enrolled in a public, private, or charter school, the parent must complete the withdrawal process at the school prior to enrolling in Home School Education. Once the withdrawal process is complete, the parent must notify in writing in the county in which the parent resides, of their intent to enroll their child in Home School Education. In this District, a **Notice of Intent Form** is to be submitted electronically to the Broward Home School Education Office at home.education@browardschools.com. The Notice of Intent form can be found on our website at <https://www.browardschools.com/homeed>.

What are the basic Home School Education requirements?

The parent must direct the student, sequentially, with progressive instruction in order to satisfy the requirements of Florida Statutes. Current law does not prescribe a curriculum or course of study for Home School Education programs.

As required by Section 1002.41, F.S., to establish a Home School Education and maintain in compliance with statute, a parent must:

1. Submit the **Notice of Intent** electronically within 30 days of the establishment of the Home School Education program to home.education@browardschools.com.
2. Maintain a portfolio containing work samples, reading lists (title, author), a log of educational activities and any other materials used/or developed by the student. Each portfolio is to be kept for two years and be made for inspection by the Superintendent's designee, with a 15-day written notice.
3. Provide an **Annual Evaluation** to home.education@browardschools.com no later than the anniversary date of the establishment of the Home School Education program and annually while enrolled in home education to remain in compliance with F.S. 1002.41. *It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide the required annual evaluation of the student to the Broward Home Education Office.* Failure to submit an annual evaluation will result in the student being out of compliance with home education laws and possible removal from the Home School Education program for at least 180 days.
4. Submit a **Notice of Termination** to home.education@browardschools.com to conclude the Home School Education program within 30 days program termination. A final annual evaluation is also due at the time of termination per state law.

May Home School Education students take virtual classes through the local virtual school?

Parents may choose **Broward Virtual School** as their curriculum provider for their home-schooled student. This is the local online option for students to receive virtual instruction for courses. Visit www.bved.net for more information or contact the Broward Home School Education office at 754-321-3860.

Can Home School Education students participate in activities at their boundaried public school? Home School Education students may receive district services that include sports, ESE testing, standardized testing, club participation, etc. All of these requests must go through the Home School Education office at home.education@browardschools.com. Home School Education students should not be showing up at a school without prior approval from the District Home School Education Office and will be turned away.

Are Home School Education students required to be immunized if they are participating in activities/testing as a Broward County Public School?

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are registered in a home school education program and who participate in any Broward County Public School campus-based activities are required to have age-appropriate vaccines with the proper documentation in accordance with Section 1003.22(4), Florida Statutes.

Are Home School Education students required to take the FAST and/or End of Course (EOC) exams?

Home School Education students in Florida are NOT required to take any standardized assessments or EOC's to receive credit for a course taken as a home schooler or to complete high school requirements as a home schooler. However, students returning to a traditional school from a home school education program will be required to take the necessary standardized assessments for graduation purposes when they return to a school. Standardized assessments and EOC's may also be utilized to satisfy the annual evaluation requirement for home schoolers.

Are Home School Education students eligible for Bright Futures Scholarships?

Home Schooled students who are registered with their local district office AND in compliance for their last two years of high school may qualify for scholarships through the Bright Futures Scholarships Programs. The **Bright Futures Student Handbook** has a section dedicated to Home School Education students.

Do Home School Education students in Florida receive a standard high school diploma?

School districts in Florida are not authorized to award a standard high school diploma to home school education students. Students who complete their high school requirements as a home school education student as defined by Florida Statute 1002.41 are eligible for an Affidavit of Completion that is generated by the parent. A home school education student may also take the General Education Development (GED) Test at a Broward Community School (754-321-7600) and be awarded a Florida GED Diploma if the student receives a passing score. Students who complete their high school requirements as a home schooler in Florida are not awarded a standard high school diploma.

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