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### Home Education Program

The Home Education Program is defined by Florida Statute as sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his/her parent/guardian in order to satisfy the requirements for compulsory school attendance.

- (1) Parents/guardians who establish a Home Education Program must satisfy the following requirements:
  - (a) Send a written notice of their intent to establish a Home Education Program to the Superintendent of the School District of Lee County. The notice must be filed within 30 days of beginning a home education program and must include the following information:
    1. Name of home education student(s)
    2. Birthdate(s)
    3. Address
    4. Parent/Guardian's Signature
  - (b) Maintain a portfolio of materials and educational records for each registered child. The portfolio shall be made available to the Superintendent or his/her designee upon 15 days written notice, and be maintained for a period of two years. Any cost related to the Home Education Program or the evaluation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
  - (c) Provide for an annual educational evaluation of the student's education progress. The parent/guardian shall file the evaluation with the Superintendent or his/her designee. The method of evaluation shall be selected by the parent/guardian from the options allowed by Florida Statutes.
  - (d) Submit a letter of termination to the Superintendent or designee upon completion of the Home Education Program, enrollment in a public or private school or moving from the District.

- 43 (2) The Superintendent or designee is responsible for the following procedures:  
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- 45 (a) Register families in the Home Education Program upon receipt of the  
46 parent/guardian's letter of intent to establish a Home Education Program.  
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- 48 (b) Send a letter of acknowledgement or notification to the parent/guardian that  
49 informs them that their Home Education Program is registered with the  
50 School District of Lee County.  
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- 52 (c) Notify the child's Lee County Public School that the student is to be  
53 withdrawn from school because he/she is enrolled in the Home Education  
54 Program.  
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- 56 (d) If the parent/guardian of a child who has been identified as exhibiting a  
57 pattern of nonattendance enrolls the child in a Home Education Program, the  
58 Home Education Review Committee, composed of the District contact for  
59 home education programs and at least two home educators selected by the  
60 parent/guardian, will review the portfolio of the student every 30 days during  
61 the District's regular school terms until the committee is satisfied that the  
62 Home Education Program is in compliance.  
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- 64 (e) Review the results of each student's annual evaluation. If the student does  
65 not demonstrate progress, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the  
66 parent/guardian in writing that such progress has not been achieved. The  
67 parent/guardian will have one year for remediation of those skills on which  
68 the student has not progressed.  
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- 70 (f) Make school attendance enforcement referrals to school social workers when  
71 a parent/guardian of compulsory school age students fails to comply with the  
72 requirements.  
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- 74 (3) Registered Home Education students are eligible to participate in certain public  
75 education programs as follows:  
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- 77 (a) Extracurricular activities (e.g. sports) at the secondary level following policies  
78 and rules of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) at a zone  
79 school assigned by the District.  
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- 81 (b) Interscholastic extracurricular activities at a zone school assigned by the  
82 District.  
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- 84 (c) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program  
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- 86 (d) Dual enrollment programs, including admission to community colleges and  
87 admission to state universities in accordance with State laws and School  
88 Board policies.  
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- 90 (e) Instruction, if eligible, at their assigned school, if the class is a requirement of  
91 participation in an extracurricular activity to which has been granted  
92 admission.  
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- 94 (f) Students with disabilities may access educationally relevant services  
95 identified by their Individualized Education Program in their assigned district  
96 school  
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- 98 (g) Virtual instruction with Lee Virtual Instruction Program or Florida Virtual  
99 School.

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