

What you need to know after submitting a Letter of Intent

Our Process

After we receive your Letter of Intent to Home Educate we will enroll your student into our program. We will also advise the local (Hillsborough County Public School) school, where your student is currently registered, of the change to Home Education. Within 30 days you will receive a written letter (via U.S. Mail) confirming Home Education enrollment. Please keep a copy of the letter for your records.

Parent/Guardian Role

The parent/guardian who chooses to home educate their student assumes the responsibility for researching, planning and providing the curriculum, educational materials and evaluations necessary to determine student progress.

The School Board of Hillsborough County does NOT supply technology, texts, curriculum guides or educational standards for the home education student.

Curriculum

There are many methods a parent may use to direct a home education program:

- instruct the student using parent selected curriculum (i.e. workbooks and/or textbooks);
- enroll the student in virtual/online courses;
 - **Be aware** that most virtual programs, including FLVS and HVK12, require students to complete a full semester of a course to receive credit
 - Follow the instructions at the following link for important account information regarding FLVS or HVK12 courses: <http://bit.ly/VSAsetup>
- enroll the student in courses part-time in an accredited institution;
- enroll the student in correspondence courses;
- hire a tutor, or
- choose any other means that provides “sequentially progressive instruction” directed by the parent.

Annual Evaluation

In Home Education, the student’s “school year” is determined by the registration date. To continue in Home Education from year to year, the parent must submit an annual evaluation to the Office of Home Education. This evaluation is due each year by the anniversary of the start of the home education program. Additionally, to re-enter a public school, the parent is responsible for providing evidence that the student has demonstrated mastery of the previous year’s curriculum. The school will place the student in the next sequential grade. The school may adjust this placement based on the student’s academic performance during the first grading period. A grade of pass/fail is provided in lieu of a letter grade for core subjects, unless a transcript is provided from an accredited institution.

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The Annual evaluation requirement may be met by submitting one of the following:

- A written evaluation performed by a teacher with a valid Florida Professional Certificate.
- A transcript from an accredited institution (i.e. HVK12, FLVS, to include a full year of English/Language Arts and Math
- The results of a nationally normed achievement test administered by a teacher with a valid Florida Professional Certificate.
- The results of a state student assessment test used by the school district.
- The results of an educational evaluation by a psychologist with a valid active Florida license.
- An official score report from the SAT or ACT may be submitted for high school students completing the junior or senior year. The test results must reflect a spring testing date.

Home Education Resources

Below are a few websites with resources and information about Home Education:

- HillsboroughSchools.org/HomeEducation
- Florida Department of Education - Home Education
- Florida Parent Educators Association

Completion of High School

Upon successful completion of the homeschool course of study, the parent confers the diploma on the student. The school district is not authorized to award a high school diploma to home education students.

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