



# FAQS

## K-12 STUDENTS WHO ARE HOMESCHOOLED OR ATTEND PRIVATE SCHOOL

### **If a parent wants their child to be evaluated for a suspected disability, do they need to enroll them in a public school?**

No, the parent should call Tara Huddleston at 588-6503 to start the Child Find process. If formal assessments are needed, the district team will contact the evaluators assigned to the student's home-zoned school.

### **Can students with disabilities who are homeschooled use Florida Empowerment Unique Abilities Scholarship funds to purchase ESE services from a public school?**

No, Pinellas County Schools does not currently offer this option.

### **Does Pinellas County Schools provide ESE services to students eligible for an IEP in Florida who are homeschooled?**

No, the student will be provided a Free and Appropriate Public Education when they enroll in a public school.

### **Does Pinellas County Schools provide services to students eligible for an IEP in Florida who are enrolled in private schools?**

Yes, if the following criteria are met: the student is eligible for an IEP in Florida, student is enrolled in a not-for-profit private school that has agreed to participate in receiving services, the parent requests the service(s) each year, and the request aligns with the student's eligibility and the services offered. The offered services are determined through an annual consultation process with the participating private schools.

### **If a student enrolled at a private school has an IEP from Out of State and wants to request services from Pinellas County Schools, do they submit their information to the ESE Transfer Team?**

No, the parent should call Tara Huddleston at 588-6503 .