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Home education is defined as "sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his/her parent or guardian." The parent of a home education student shall be responsible for obtaining and paying for instructional materials; the District does not provide books, curricula, or materials for home education students. The District's Home Education Office is the District School Superintendent's designee.

In order to meet Florida statutory requirements, the parent or guardian must be familiar with and responsible for complying with Florida Statutes and provide the following:

- A. Notify the District School Superintendent, or designee, of the county in which the parent resides of his/her intent to establish a home education program within 30 days of the establishment of the home education program.
- B. Maintain a portfolio of records and materials that consist of a log of educational activities that is made contemporaneously with the instruction and designates by title any reading materials used. Samples of any writings, worksheets, workbooks, or creative materials used or developed by the student.
- C. Provide an annual educational evaluation as specified by the State of Florida.
- D. Provide written notice to the District School Superintendent, or designee, of the termination of a home education program, along with the annual evaluation, within 30 days of the termination of the program.

**Eligibility for Public Participation:** Registered home education students are eligible to participate in certain public education programs as follows so long as the students meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other students in such activities. As such, registered home education may:

- A. Participate in athletic interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school assigned by the district, provided the conditions of Florida Statutes and the policies and rules of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) are met.

- B. Participate in other interscholastic extracurricular activities in which schools compete with and amongst other schools. Some activities (e.g. Band) may require that the student be enrolled in a particular course at the school.
- C. Bright Futures Scholarship Program in accordance with Florida Statutes.
- D. Dual-Enrollment programs, including admission to community colleges and admission to state universities in accordance with Florida Statutes.
- E. Industry certifications, national assessments, and statewide, standardized assessments offered by a school district shall be available to home education program students.
- F. A student may enroll in a brick and mortar district school for up to half of the school day on a space available basis. A student enrolled in a district school for more than half of the school day is considered to have declared that school as the primary educational institution and must meet all curriculum requirements of the School Board. Home education students enrolled for half the school day or less may be on campus only when attending public school classes or participating in interscholastic extracurricular activities.
- G. Pinellas Virtual School - Home education students may co-enroll in up to seven (7) concurrent virtual classes on a space available basis.

A home educated student may not be considered eligible for district school honors such as honor roll, principal's list, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, or other recognition because the student's primary enrollment is in home education. The district is not authorized to provide a regular high school diploma to home education students.

F.S. 1002.41, 1006.15, 1007.271, 1009.53-1009.539