



## Home Education Program



Florida is a long-time supporter of home education, and the number of families choosing this education option shows steady growth. Established by the Legislature as a school choice option in 1985, home education is defined as “the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her parent.”

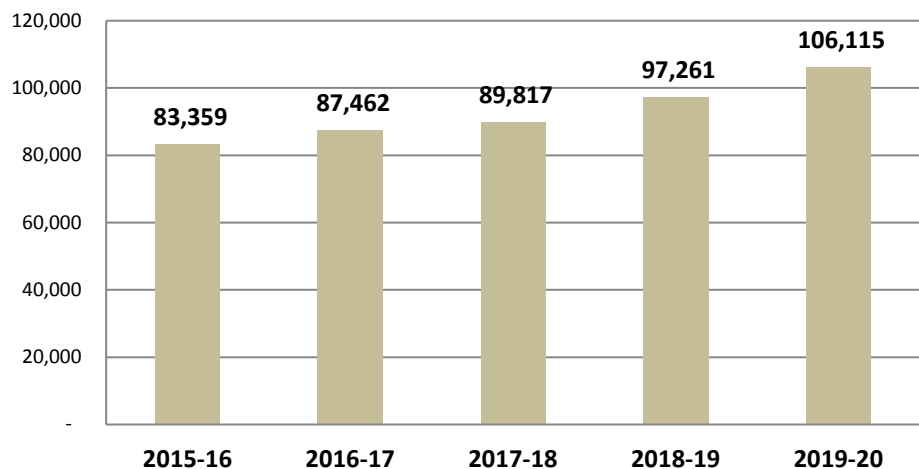
Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys all school districts to determine the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2019-20 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicated that 75,347 families and 106,115 students participated in home education programs.

### Statutory Authority

Sections 1002.01 and 1002.41, F.S., set up the definition and requirements for home education in Florida.

Section 1006.15, F.S., sets participation standards regarding interscholastic extracurricular activities for home education students.

### Enrollment in Home Education Programs



### Establishing a Home Education Program

Florida’s home education law does not require a particular educational background for parents or standard curricula for students; however, parents must maintain a portfolio of records and materials showing student work and make it available to the school district if requested in writing. Students in home education programs must annually undergo one of five academic evaluation options and submit the results to the district school superintendent. Parents register their home education program with the school district, providing the name, address, and birth date of each student participating. Home education students may participate in dual enrollment and may be eligible for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships.



## Home Education Students and Families by District, 2019-20

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	1,276	980
2	Baker	374	269
3	Bay	1,266	929
4	Bradford	334	261
5	Brevard	4,622	3,381
6	Broward	6,782	4,947
7	Calhoun	147	119
8	Charlotte	737	571
9	Citrus	1,146	857
10	Clay	1,604	800
11	Collier	1,737	1,285
12	Columbia	688	517
13	Dade	3,566	1,000
14	DeSoto	263	176
15	Dixie	131	98
16	Duval	7,459	6,235
17	Escambia	1,300	865
18	Flagler	806	593
19	Franklin	16	14
20	Gadsden	234	121
21	Gilchrest	210	149
22	Glades	46	41
23	Gulf	115	82
24	Hamilton	111	76
25	Hardee	198	138
26	Hendry	174	139
27	Hernando	1,674	1,387
28	Highlands	541	352
29	Hillsborough	6,837	5,383
30	Holmes	193	170
31	Indian River	894	661
32	Jackson	327	228
33	Jefferson	237	138
34	Lafayette	75	53
35	Lake	3,775	2,780
36	Lee	2,166	1,489
37	Leon	1,650	1,204
38	Levy	546	428
39	Liberty	55	43
40	Madison	241	220
41	Manatee	1,614	1,176
42	Marion	3,246	2,572
43	Martin	982	842
44	Monroe	197	136
45	Nassau	982	215
46	Okaloosa	1,886	1,218
47	Okeechobee	474	351
48	Orange	6,759	4,967
49	Osceola	1,853	1,306
50	Palm Beach	7,300	5,146
51	Pasco	3,499	2,409
52	Pinellas	3,296	2,337
53	Polk	3,688	2,688
54	Putnam	504	351
55	St. Johns	2,224	1,599
56	St. Lucie	2,657	1,420
57	Santa Rosa	1,300	520
58	Sarasota	1,602	1,267
59	Seminole	2,242	1,657
60	Sumter	546	387
61	Suwannee	334	287
62	Taylor	286	205
63	Union	193	134
64	Volusia	2,727	2,157
65	Wakulla	266	198
66	Walton	726	501
67	Washington	179	122
	<b>State Total</b>	<b>106,115</b>	<b>75,347</b>