



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.”

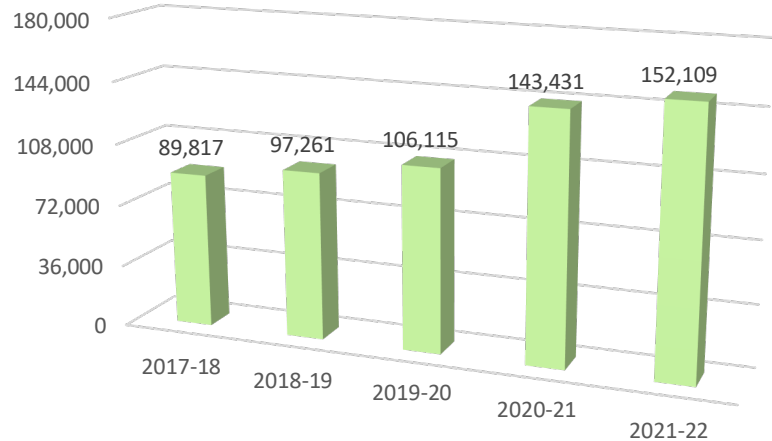
Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys all school districts to determine the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2021-22 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicated that 104,961 families and 152,109 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, 2021-22

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	1,975	1,320
2	Baker	473	329
3	Bay	1,674	980
4	Bradford	367	290
5	Brevard	6,671	4,955
6	Broward	10,412	7,212
7	Calhoun	148	109
8	Charlotte	1,033	627
9	Citrus	1,861	1,390
10	Clay	2,541	1,616
11	Collier	2,264	1,670
12	Columbia	876	616
13	Dade	5,859	3,185
14	DeSoto	357	235
15	Dixie	193	144
16	Duval	8,686	7,400
17	Escambia	2,433	1,117
18	Flagler	1,201	836
19	Franklin	43	29
20	Gadsden	356	226
21	Gilchrist	322	205
22	Glades	66	42
23	Gulf	184	129
24	Hamilton	82	58
25	Hardee	290	199
26	Hendry	165	109
27	Hernando	1,930	355
28	Highlands	645	423
29	Hillsborough	13,641	10,535
30	Holmes	220	155
31	Indian River	1,443	1,061
32	Jackson	455	341
33	Jefferson	250	130
34	Lafayette	119	81
35	Lake	4,781	3,422
36	Lee	3,698	2,513
37	Leon	2,184	1,596
38	Levy	566	397
39	Liberty	95	71
40	Madison	258	169
41	Manatee	2,384	1,612
42	Marion	5,568	3,923
43	Martin	1,253	872
44	Monroe	243	178
45	Nassau	1,456	942
46	Okaloosa	2,401	1,457
47	Okeechobee	412	321
48	Orange	9,206	6,515
49	Osceola	3,101	2,847
50	Palm Beach	9,687	6,464
51	Pasco	4,840	3,481
52	Pinellas	4,021	2,822
53	Polk	3,634	1,479
54	Putnam	752	597
55	St. Johns	3,034	2,105
56	St. Lucie	3,761	1,913
57	Santa Rosa	1,917	948
58	Sarasota	2,671	1,989
59	Seminole	3,826	2,902
60	Sumter	1,123	811
61	Suwannee	616	461
62	Taylor	463	360
63	Union	274	201
64	Volusia	2,980	2,366
65	Wakulla	367	256
66	Walton	1,051	687
67	Washington	251	175
State Total	67	152,109	104,961