



## 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.”

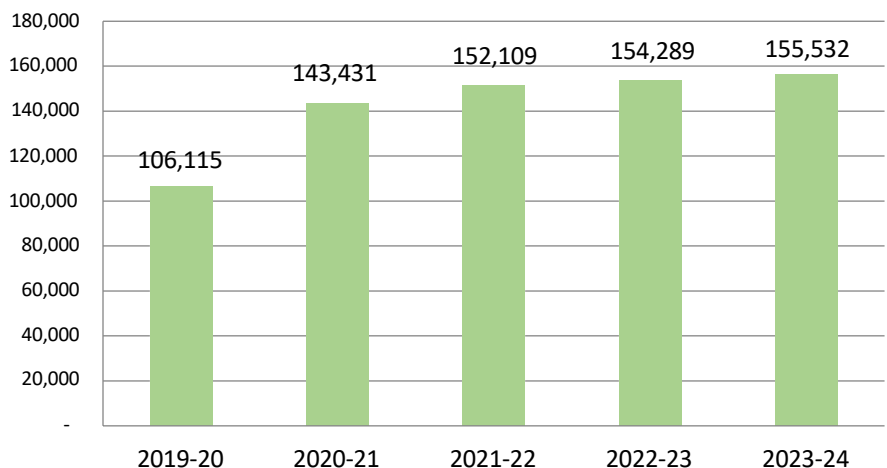
Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys all school districts to determine the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2023-24 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicated that 114,239 families and 155,532 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, 2023-24

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	1,888	600
2	Baker	434	311
3	Bay	1,743	1,254
4	Bradford	440	331
5	Brevard	6,632	4,759
6	Broward	6,553	5,045
7	Calhoun	242	173
8	Charlotte	1,219	523
9	Citrus	2,652	2,040
10	Clay	2,342	2,149
11	Collier	2,693	1,945
12	Columbia	1,199	1,001
13	Dade	7,031	5,421
14	DeSoto	404	60
15	Dixie	245	189
16	Duval	10,439	8,397
17	Escambia	2,220	1,670
18	Flagler	1,254	860
19	Franklin	85	58
20	Gadsden	344	229
21	Gilchrist	314	203
22	Glades	100	58
23	Gulf	226	168
24	Hamilton	169	126
25	Hardee	360	246
26	Hendry	255	169
27	Hernando	2,574	521
28	Highlands	789	579
29	Hillsborough	10,514	8,089
30	Holmes	301	203
31	Indian River	1,304	970
32	Jackson	504	368
33	Jefferson	214	136
34	Lafayette	104	85
35	Lake	5,176	3,754
36	Lee	4,089	3,030
37	Leon	1,619	1,241
38	Levy	720	502
39	Liberty	102	82
40	Madison	254	174
41	Manatee	2,674	1,907
42	Marion	5,351	4,032
43	Martin	1,144	837
44	Monroe	257	185
45	Nassau	1,366	964
46	Okaloosa	2,303	2,297
47	Okeechobee	676	508
48	Orange	9,497	9,487
49	Osceola	2,413	1,743
50	Palm Beach	9,375	6,964
51	Pasco	5,862	4,803
52	Pinellas	3,654	2,640
53	Polk	6,151	1,961
54	Putnam	934	751
55	St. Johns	3,479	2,206
56	St. Lucie	2,975	2,435
57	Santa Rosa	1,935	645
58	Sarasota	2,746	2,162
59	Seminole	4,453	3,515
60	Sumter	1,191	868
61	Suwannee	515	355
62	Taylor	580	480
63	Union	221	174
64	Volusia	4,048	3,135
65	Wakulla	448	416
66	Walton	1,221	822
67	Washington	316	228
<b>State Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>155,532</b>	<b>114,239</b>