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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.

District Contacts

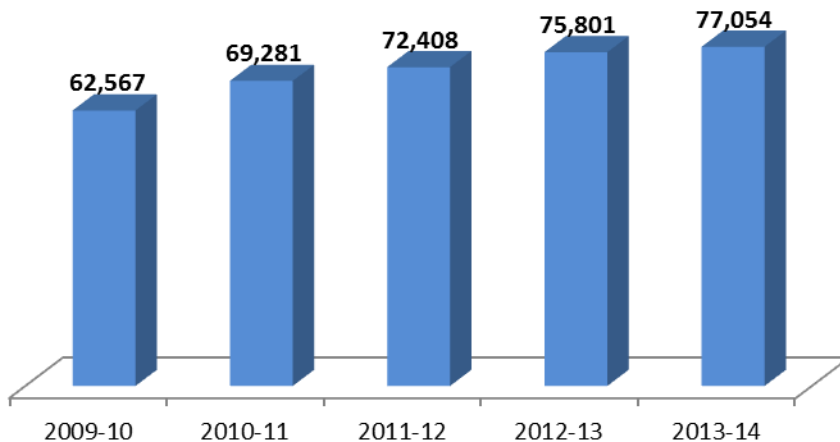
Each district has a home education contact person who works with home education families. A list of district home education contacts is available at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org>.

Home Education in Florida

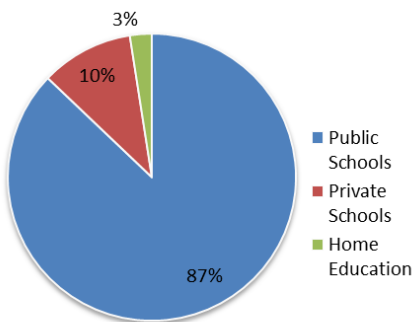
Florida is a long-time supporter of home education, and the number of families choosing this education option shows steady growth. Established by the Legislature as a school choice option in 1985, home education is defined as “the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her 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 2013-2014 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that the statewide roster of home education totals 56,689 families, accounting for 77,054 students.

Enrollment in Home Education Programs



PK-12 Enrollment 2013-14



Questions on Home Education?

Send an E-mail to: schoolchoice@fldoe.org

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 as a home education program with their 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 Program Statistics

District Name	Year 2012-13		Year 2013-14	
	# Students	# Families	# Students	# Families
ALACHUA	1,017	626	1,056	691
BAKER	223	154	202	129
BAY	871	646	1,003	697
BRADFORD	163	124	104	25
BREVARD	3,607	2,554	4,016	3,893
BROWARD	4,200	3,311	4,433	3,296
CALHOUN	90	60	93	61
CHARLOTTE	467	341	587	537
CITRUS	959	766	798	700
CLAY	1,144	767	1,276	887
COLLIER	1,012	661	1,251	849
COLUMBIA	687	229	498	166
DADE	3,368	2,247	3,618	2,418
DESOTO	212	168	189	138
DIXIE	102	81	119	87
DUVAL	5,949	4,708	5,916	4,289
ESCAMBIA	1,635	818	1,585	793
FLAGLER	587	418	530	375
FRANKLIN	23	22	24	2
GADSDEN	528	172	360	198
GILCHREST	212	156	219	161
GLADES	44	30	44	40
GULF	125	111	80	59
HAMILTON	87	67	68	49
HARDEE	131	92	142	97
HENDRY	108	79	97	71
HERNANDO	975	701	865	757
HIGHLANDS	320	221	383	281
HILLSBOROUGH	6,191	4,362	5,190	3,534
HOLMES	130	96	169	126
INDIAN RIVER	717	504	742	571
JACKSON	394	294	318	183
JEFFERSON	160	102	146	83
LAFAYETTE	37	25	52	36
LAKE	1,972	1,414	2,166	1,540
LEE	1,395	540	1,404	839
LEON	1,276	951	1,202	864
LEVY	242	197	244	201
LIBERTY	14	11	15	15
MADISON	164	121	226	211
MANATEE	1,053	789	1,127	858
MARION	1,785	1,282	2,117	1,694
MARTIN	495	354	497	497
MONROE	275	189	233	95
NASSAU	636	449	624	460
OKALOOSA	985	696	878	597
OKEECHOBEE	267	198	290	235
ORANGE	4,069	3,089	3,950	2,953
OSCEOLA	1,378	1,140	1,329	1,015
PALM BEACH	4,959	3,714	5,125	3,807
PASCO	2,211	1,535	2,940	2,117
PINELLAS	2,730	1,882	2,653	1,838
POLK	3,440	2,612	3,280	2,697
PUTNAM	251	171	288	193
ST. JOHNS	1,200	900	1,284	849
ST. LUCIE	1,369	1,041	1,459	1,119
SANTA ROSA	900	600	942	712
SARASOTA	1,081	708	1,180	850
SEMINOLE	1,348	934	1,547	1,181
SUMTER	335	245	422	328
SUWANNEE	410	323	385	254
TAYLOR	192	155	209	179
UNION	108	77	95	71
VOLUSIA	2,160	1,718	2,102	1,651
WAKULLA	218	169	207	149
WALTON	285	204	323	240
WASHINGTON	123	91	138	101
STATE TOTAL	75,801	54,212	77,054	56,689