



Home Education Program

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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 who works with home education families. You can find a list of district home education contact information at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org>.

FLDOE Contacts

Visit the School Choice Web site at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org> for more information on home education as a school choice option.

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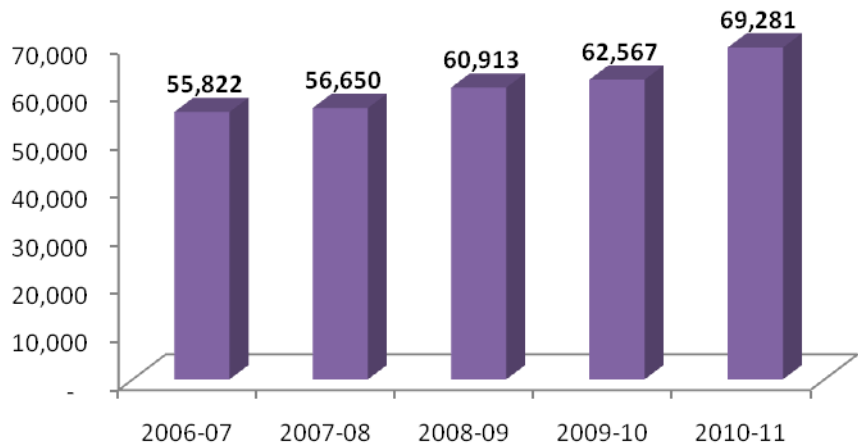
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Home Education in Florida

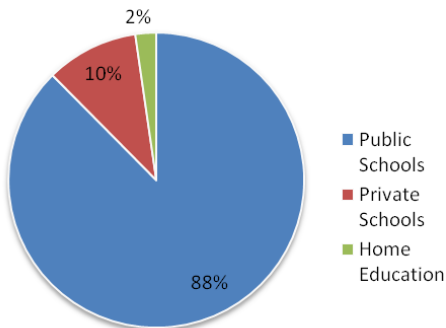
Florida is a long-time supporter of home education, and the number of families choosing this education option shows steady growth. Established by the Legislature as a school choice option in 1985, home education is defined as “the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her 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 2010-2011 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that the statewide roster of home education totals 48,254 families, accounting for 69,281 students.

Enrollment in Home Education Programs



PK-12 Enrollment 2010-11



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, a portfolio of records and materials showing student work must be maintained and made 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

Comparison of 2009-10 and 2010-11

District Name	Year 2009-10		Year 2010-11		Percent Change	
	# Students	# Families	# Students	# Families	Students	Families
ALACHUA	782	553	1,080	800	38.1%	44.7%
BAKER	129	89	162	121	25.6%	36.0%
BAY	806	578	869	636	7.8%	10.0%
BRADFORD	109	101	141	117	29.4%	15.8%
BREVARD	3,026	2,131	3,350	2,357	10.7%	10.6%
BROWARD	2,900	2,149	3,357	2,183	15.8%	1.6%
CALHOUN	86	64	56	33	-34.9%	-48.4%
CHARLOTTE	426	329	468	336	9.9%	2.1%
CITRUS	903	700	826	636	-8.5%	-9.1%
CLAY	1,039	609	1,101	846	6.0%	38.9%
COLLIER	811	521	932	627	14.9%	20.3%
COLUMBIA	709	283	686	259	-3.2%	-8.5%
DADE	2,818	2,150	3,087	2,279	9.5%	6.0%
DESOTO	172	121	205	125	19.2%	3.3%
DIXIE	95	79	57	46	-40.0%	-41.8%
DUVAL	4,164	3,110	5,194	3,824	24.7%	23.0%
ESCAMBIA	1,454	1,100	1,665	1,173	14.5%	6.6%
FLAGLER	482	384	553	370	14.7%	-3.6%
FRANKLIN	22	22	31	29	40.9%	31.8%
GADSDEN	472	287	533	329	12.9%	14.6%
GILCHREST	162	110	171	124	5.6%	12.7%
GLADES	32	21	43	35	34.4%	66.7%
GULF	44	38	75	56	70.5%	47.4%
HAMILTON	76	55	90	67	18.4%	21.8%
HARDEE	81	60	82	55	1.2%	-8.3%
HENDRY	125	83	109	76	-12.8%	-8.4%
HERNANDO	813	550	863	590	6.2%	7.3%
HIGHLANDS	257	179	304	205	18.3%	14.5%
HILLSBOROUGH	4,059	2,518	4,603	3,159	13.4%	25.5%
HOLMES	113	87	103	78	-8.8%	-10.3%
INDIAN RIVER	522	414	680	473	30.3%	14.3%
JACKSON	240	176	289	207	20.4%	17.6%
JEFFERSON	173	103	189	106	9.2%	2.9%
LAFAYETTE	37	27	46	32	24.3%	18.5%
LAKE	1,617	1,192	1,775	1,281	9.8%	7.5%
LEE	1,177	747	1,277	836	8.5%	11.9%
LEON	1,124	225	1,024	696	-8.9%	209.3%
LEVY	289	212	292	234	1.0%	10.4%
LIBERTY	14	11	12	10	-14.3%	-9.1%
MADISON	87	63	86	78	-1.1%	23.8%
MANATEE	950	656	938	768	-1.3%	17.1%
MARION	2,346	1,089	1,881	1,339	-19.8%	23.0%
MARTIN	514	395	621	450	20.8%	13.9%
MONROE	188	149	225	137	19.7%	-8.1%
NASSAU	594	413	616	430	3.7%	4.1%
OKALOOSA	898	599	967	661	7.7%	10.4%
OKEECHOBEE	242	199	248	170	2.5%	-14.6%
ORANGE	3,215	2,283	3,505	2,528	9.0%	10.7%
OSCEOLA	1,275	886	1,189	823	-6.7%	-7.1%
PALM BEACH	4,443	3,221	4,834	3,553	8.8%	10.3%
PASCO	1,590	927	1,804	1,108	13.5%	19.5%
PINELLAS	2,417	1,680	2,640	1,851	9.2%	10.2%
POLK	2,260	1,617	3,641	2,044	61.1%	26.4%
PUTNAM	337	244	283	194	-16.0%	-20.5%
ST. JOHNS	1,068	725	1,062	701	-0.6%	-3.3%
ST. LUCIE	984	779	1,034	770	5.1%	-1.2%
SANTA ROSA	980	475	1,193	644	21.7%	35.6%
SARASOTA	945	675	955	697	1.1%	3.3%
SEMINOLE	1,576	1,129	1,775	1,321	12.6%	17.0%
SUMTER	257	169	266	177	3.5%	4.7%
SUWANNEE	384	273	437	320	13.8%	17.2%
TAYLOR	239	178	219	162	-8.4%	-9.0%
UNION	90	73	88	78	-2.2%	6.8%
VOLUSIA	1,788	1,290	1,830	1,390	2.3%	7.8%
WAKULLA	182	141	190	143	4.4%	1.4%
WALTON	249	178	277	200	11.2%	12.4%
WASHINGTON	109	80	97	71	-11.0%	-11.3%
STATE TOTAL	62,567	42,754	69,281	48,254	10.7%	12.9%