



Seminole County Public Schools Home Education Program Information

Notice to Schools:

This information should be provided to any parent/guardian who either indicates an interest in withdrawing a student from SCPS to establish a Home Education Program or withdraws a student with a W24 code.

Section 1002.41, Florida Statutes, authorizes a parent to establish a Home Education Program to meet school attendance requirements. In order to establish a Home Education Program, a written notice of intent must be provided to the Superintendent of the school district in which the parent resides; an intent form is supplied by SCPS for parental convenience. Failure to properly establish a Home Education Program after your student's withdrawal from public school may result in your student being reported as truant.

Information about Home Education

1. Seminole County Public Schools is not authorized to issue a Florida public high school diploma to Home Education students. In order for a student to receive a Florida public school diploma, he/she must be enrolled full time in a public school. Students seeking entry into a Seminole County public school from a Home Education program are subject to the provisions of the SCPS Student Progression Plan, which the parent should review if there is a possibility that the student will return to public school in the future.
2. The parent/guardian establishing a Home Education Program is responsible for all decisions and any financial costs related to the student's education, including instruction and curriculum.
3. The parent/guardian of a current student with disabilities should consult with the student's school counselor or the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) special education teacher regarding the implications of withdrawing from a public school to establish a Home Education Program.
4. Florida law requires the parent of a Home Education Program to maintain a portfolio of records and materials, including a log of educational activities and student work samples. The portfolio shall be made available for review by the Superintendent or designee upon 15 days' written notice.
5. The parent of a Home Education Program may choose to enroll the student in one or more virtual courses through Seminole County Virtual School (SCVS) or Florida Virtual School (FLVS). In these cases, the parent is still responsible for maintaining the required portfolio.
6. State law requires the parent to submit an annual educational evaluation. The purpose of this evaluation is to demonstrate that the student is making educational progress at a level commensurate with his/her ability. **The parent is responsible for selecting the method of the annual evaluation and submitting documentation to the Home Education Office.** The requirement can be met through one of the following options:
 - Option 1: Portfolio review by a teacher with a valid Florida teaching certificate. See F.S. 1002.41(1)(c)(1)
 - Option 2: Nationally normed test administered by a certified teacher. This option includes, but is not limited to, SAT, ACT, PSAT, etc. See 1002.41(1)(c)(2)
 - Option 3: State student assessment test (e.g. FSA, EOC, etc.). See 1002.41(1)(c)(3)
 - Option 4: Evaluation by a Florida licensed psychologist or school psychologist. See 1002.41(1)(c)(4)
 - Option 5: Local option—SCPS will accept a transcript from Seminole County Virtual School (SCVS) or Florida Virtual School (FLVS) that indicates successful completion of core classes in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. If the transcript shows failing or incomplete grades in these areas, or if the student did not take all of these courses at FLVS and/or SCVS, then this option is not available for the annual educational evaluation.
7. The annual educational evaluation is due each year on the original start date of the Home Education Program. For example, a parent who establishes a Home Education Program on September 15 must submit the annual education evaluation by September 15 of each subsequent year. **Failure to submit an annual evaluation will result in termination of the Home Education program, and the parent must select another education option to meet compulsory attendance requirements.**
8. A parent may terminate the Home Education Program at any time but must provide written notice to the Home Education office within 30 days after said termination. However, the Home Education termination should be completed immediately prior to re-enrollment in a Seminole County public school.

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