

Home Schooling

Florida statutes provide three options for families who wish to educate their children at home. Each will meet the state's compulsory attendance laws. Families may enroll in a non-campus-based private school, establish a home education program, or establish a private tutoring program. While any of the above choices will provide compliance with Florida's compulsory attendance laws, each has different implications for you. Some of these differences go to issues of recordkeeping and methods, but the heart of the distinction is whether you want to be accountable to the state or to a private entity. Families who choose to establish a home education program as per the statutes have several procedures to comply with. They must:

- Send a Notice of Intent to the superintendent of schools for the district they live in;
- Maintain a portfolio of records which includes a log made contemporaneously with instruction and samples of the student's work;
- Provide for an annual evaluation, which must be filed with the school district;
- Allow the superintendent (or his/her designee) to review their records with 15 days written notice;
- Send a Notice of Termination when they stop homeschooling or move to another school district.

Home School Resources

<http://www.homeschoolinginflorida.com/>

<http://www.hslida.org/>

<http://www.southcountyhomeschoolers.org/SCHS/HTH/SchoolDistrict.HTML>

<http://www.homeschoolcentral.com/>