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HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM

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1. Home education programs shall adhere to the provisions of Florida Statutes. The parent is not required to hold a valid regular Florida teaching certificate.
2. The following provisions shall govern home education programs:
 - A. The parent, as defined by 1002.01, F.S., shall
 - a) Notify the Superintendent or designee in writing within thirty (30) days of the establishment of a home education program. The notice shall be signed by the parent, and include the names, addresses, and birth dates of all children who shall be enrolled in the program. Copies of applicable Florida Statutes and the home education policy will be given to the parent and a conference to discuss the requirements will be held with the parent. The notice shall be filed in the district school superintendent's office within 30 days of the establishment of the home education program. A written notice of termination of the home education program shall be filed in the district school superintendent's office within 30 days after said termination.
 - b) Maintain a portfolio of records and materials for a period of two (2) years. Contents of the portfolio shall include
 - A log made contemporaneously with the instruction, which designates by title the reading material being used; and
 - Samples of any writings, worksheets, workbooks, or creative materials used or developed by the student.Portfolios may be inspected by the Superintendent, or district employee designee upon fifteen (15) days written notice to the parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this section shall require the district school superintendent to inspect the portfolio.
 - c) Provide an annual educational evaluation of each student in the home education program. The annual educational evaluation shall document the student's demonstration of educational progress at a level commensurate with his/her ability. A copy of the evaluation shall be filed annually with the district school superintendent's office in the county in which the student resides. The annual educational evaluation shall consist of one of the following:

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- A teacher selected by the parent shall evaluate the student's educational progress upon review of the portfolio and discussion with the student. Such teacher shall hold a valid regular Florida certificate to teach academic subjects at the elementary or secondary level;
 - The student shall take any nationally normed student achievement test administered by a certified teacher;
 - The student shall take a state student assessment test used by the school district and administered by a certified teacher, at a location and under testing conditions approved by the school district;
 - The student shall be evaluated by an individual holding a valid, active license or
 - The student shall be evaluated with any other valid measurement tool as mutually agreed upon by the district school superintendent of the district in which the student resides and the student's parent.
- B. The Superintendent shall receive and accept the results of the annual educational evaluation of the student in the home education program. If the student has not demonstrated educational progress commensurate with his/her ability, the parent shall be notified in writing and have one (1) year from the receipt of written notification to provide remedial instruction. Continuation in the home education program shall depend upon the student's educational progress at the end of the one (1) year probationary period.
- C. A home education program shall be excluded from meeting the requirements of a school day.
- D. Home education students may participate in interscholastic extracurricular student activities.
- E. Home education students may participate in the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
- F. Home education students may participate in dual enrollment programs.
- G. Home education students are eligible for admission to community colleges.

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- H. Home education students are eligible for admission to state universities in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Board of Governors.
- I. Home education program students may receive testing and evaluation services at diagnostic and resource centers.
- J. Home education families are to provide written notice to the Superintendent's office of an address change.

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