



Home Education Program



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.”

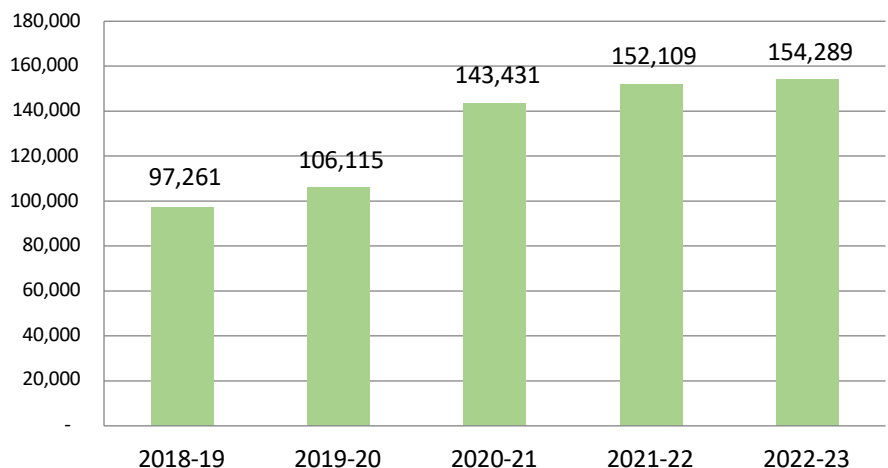
Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys all school districts to determine the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2022-23 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicated that 114,258 families and 154,289 students participated in home education programs.

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.

Enrollment in Home Education Programs



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 their home education program with the 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 Students and Families by District, 2022-23

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	2,473	1,646
2	Baker	541	374
3	Bay	1,818	1,090
4	Bradford	368	273
5	Brevard	6,182	4,559
6	Broward	9,811	7,570
7	Calhoun	205	148
8	Charlotte	1,061	672
9	Citrus	2,382	1,821
10	Clay	2,392	1,561
11	Collier	2,502	1,806
12	Columbia	1,091	857
13	Dade	6,520	4,969
14	DeSoto	406	278
15	Dixie	235	174
16	Duval	9,924	9,591
17	Escambia	2,380	1,120
18	Flagler	1,223	802
19	Franklin	72	48
20	Gadsden	406	261
21	Gilchrist	349	247
22	Glades	110	65
23	Gulf	190	137
24	Hamilton	118	90
25	Hardee	311	231
26	Hendry	218	139
27	Hernando	2,357	436
28	Highlands	781	551
29	Hillsborough	10,680	8,400
30	Holmes	276	180
31	Indian River	1,227	913
32	Jackson	466	298
33	Jefferson	202	113
34	Lafayette	128	63
35	Lake	4,772	3,397
36	Lee	3,760	2,789
37	Leon	1,909	1,376
38	Levy	613	433
39	Liberty	94	67
40	Madison	248	174
41	Manatee	2,612	1,787
42	Marion	5,363	3,914
43	Martin	1,206	808
44	Monroe	251	178
45	Nassau	1,473	974
46	Okaloosa	2,461	1,584
47	Okeechobee	719	443
48	Orange	9,431	8,952
49	Osceola	2,416	1,827
50	Palm Beach	8,653	6,395
51	Pasco	5,545	3,871
52	Pinellas	3,680	2,550
53	Polk	5,561	4,060
54	Putnam	899	718
55	St. Johns	3,256	2,169
56	St. Lucie	2,883	2,092
57	Santa Rosa	1,945	1,004
58	Sarasota	2,810	2,088
59	Seminole	4,202	3,167
60	Sumter	1,069	760
61	Suwannee	523	390
62	Taylor	496	416
63	Union	278	228
64	Volusia	3,957	2,894
65	Wakulla	401	322
66	Walton	1,122	743
67	Washington	276	205
State Total	67	154,289	114,258