



## 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.”

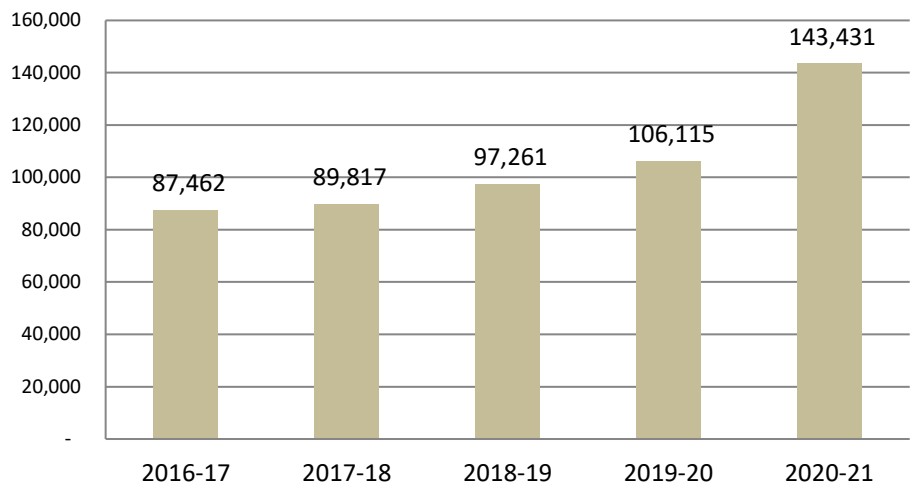
Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys all school districts to determine the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2020-21 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicated that 100,293 families and 143,431 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, 2020-21

District ID	District Name	Home Ed # Students	Home Ed # Families
1	Alachua	2,109	1,783
2	Baker	449	310
3	Bay	1,671	1,200
4	Bradford	388	315
5	Brevard	6,664	4,776
6	Broward	8,782	6,572
7	Calhoun	196	144
8	Charlotte	997	623
9	Citrus	1,427	1,059
10	Clay	2,165	1,490
11	Collier	2,231	1,505
12	Columbia	910	621
13	Dade	5,883	4,274
14	DeSoto	324	215
15	Dixie	174	136
16	Duval	7,886	6,651
17	Escambia	2,111	1,362
18	Flagler	1,036	716
19	Franklin	19	15
20	Gadsden	273	169
21	Gilchrist	287	194
22	Glades	83	53
23	Gulf	129	92
24	Hamilton	125	86
25	Hardee	279	185
26	Hendry	237	172
27	Hernando	1,891	1,546
28	Highlands	664	427
29	Hillsborough	10,964	8,134
30	Holmes	249	168
31	Indian River	1,075	839
32	Jackson	586	494
33	Jefferson	272	169
34	Lafayette	102	76
35	Lake	4,366	3,089
36	Lee	3,302	2,214
37	Leon	2,007	1,412
38	Levy	554	392
39	Liberty	113	86
40	Madison	249	168
41	Manatee	2,236	1,584
42	Marion	5,458	3,717
43	Martin	1,342	299
44	Monroe	316	233
45	Nassau	1,326	881
46	Okaloosa	2,180	1,337
47	Okeechobee	640	454
48	Orange	9,098	6,416
49	Osceola	2,417	1,590
50	Palm Beach	9,141	6,213
51	Pasco	4,583	3,091
52	Pinellas	4,143	2,833
53	Polk	4,646	3,291
54	Putnam	695	396
55	St. Johns	3,164	2,200
56	St. Lucie	3,345	1,683
57	Santa Rosa	2,150	840
58	Sarasota	2,652	1,871
59	Seminole	3,506	2,425
60	Sumter	977	691
61	Suwannee	580	422
62	Taylor	373	288
63	Union	288	224
64	Volusia	3,379	2,326
65	Wakulla	344	234
66	Walton	1,009	679
67	Washington	214	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>143,431</b>	<b>100,293</b>