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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."
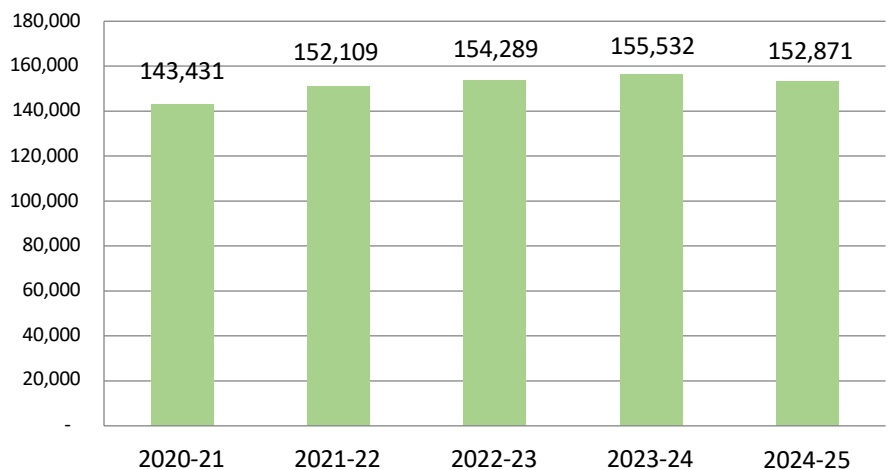
Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys all school districts to determine the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2024-25 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicated that 114,370 families and 152,871 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

School Year	Enrollment
2020-21	143,431
2021-22	152,109
2022-23	154,289
2023-24	155,532
2024-25	152,871

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, 2024-25

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	1,969	1,287
2	Baker	310	248
3	Bay	1,725	1,429
4	Bradford	500	423
5	Brevard	6,978	5,955
6	Broward	6,058	5,011
7	Calhoun	253	97
8	Charlotte	1,170	511
9	Citrus	2,389	1,827
10	Clay	2,194	1,515
11	Collier	2,660	1,964
12	Columbia	1,178	858
13	Dade	7,031	5,421
14	DeSoto	472	358
15	Dixie	220	165
16	Duval	11,067	8,930
17	Escambia	2,102	1,576
18	Flagler	1,259	911
19	Franklin	113	81
20	Gadsden	370	245
21	Gilchrist	386	271
22	Glades	88	51
23	Gulf	168	128
24	Hamilton	217	158
25	Hardee	317	226
26	Hendry	267	189
27	Hernando	2,792	1,372
28	Highlands	737	648
29	Hillsborough	12,175	8,196
30	Holmes	327	220
31	Indian River	1,168	890
32	Jackson	532	403
33	Jefferson	146	136
34	Lafayette	104	101
35	Lake	5,303	4,029
36	Lee	4,270	3,116
37	Leon	1,517	1,169
38	Levy	746	533
39	Liberty	67	47
40	Madison	288	204
41	Manatee	2,522	1,853
42	Marion	5,211	4,021
43	Martin	936	781
44	Monroe	211	157
45	Nassau	1,409	1,052
46	Okaloosa	2,247	1,551
47	Okeechobee	692	576
48	Orange	9,280	9,279
49	Osceola	2,494	1,869
50	Palm Beach	8,183	6,420
51	Pasco	5,403	4,547
52	Pinellas	3,863	2,487
53	Polk	5,903	1,485
54	Putnam	1,006	769
55	St. Johns	2,870	2,099
56	St. Lucie	2,906	2,203
57	Santa Rosa	1,776	1,287
58	Sarasota	2,296	1,701
59	Seminole	4,314	3,543
60	Sumter	1,328	957
61	Suwannee	426	348
62	Taylor	445	373
63	Union	205	144
64	Volusia	3,639	2,780
65	Wakulla	413	309
66	Walton	1,183	805
67	Washington	308	232
State Total	**67**	**152,871**	**114,370**