

Services Available to Home Education Students

- Samples of Compliant Home Education Portfolios
- Forms & information to assist in a successful Home Education Program
- Verification of Home Education Program for Bright Futures, FHSAA, & college admissions
- Home School News & Events available to parents providing an email address
- Home School Orientation

Points to Ponder

- Why do I want to home school?
- Am I prepared financially to provide the needed curriculum?
- Do I have the time needed to home school my student?
- Do I have access to the information needed to educate my student?
- Am I prepared to accept the responsibility of my child's education?

Home Education Program Mailing Address:

Putnam County School District
Administration Building,
200 Reid Street,
Palatka, FL 32177

Home Education in Putnam County



Home Education Program Office Location:

**113 Putnam County Blvd.
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East Palatka, FL 32131**

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Putnam County School District Home Education Program

A Home Education program is defined in s.1002.01

Parent is not required to hold a valid regular Florida teaching certificate.

- Parent shall notify district school superintendent in writing of intent to home school within 30 days of establishing a home education program. Parent shall maintain a Home Education portfolio for each student.

Portfolio shall consist of:

- A log of educational activities
 - List of titles of materials used
 - Samples of worksheets & workbooks
 - Samples of writing & creative materials
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- Portfolio shall be preserved for 2 years
 - Portfolio shall be made available to the superintendent upon 15 days notice
 - Parent shall provide an annual evaluation or acceptable method which documents the student's educational progress at a level commensurate with the student's ability.

Recommended Steps to Establishing a Home Education Program

1. Determine curriculum to be used.
2. Speak to your school guidance counselor about any concerns.
3. Register with the Home Education Program Office.
4. Withdraw from current school.
5. Begin your Home Education Program promptly.
6. Program must be terminated upon completion.

Now that your student is registered...

- Think EDUCATION and document it!
- Maintain a portfolio according to the Florida Statute requirements.
- Be sure that you are providing "sequentially progressive instruction" for your student.
- Contact Home School Coordinator for assistance
- Provide information promptly to your Home School Coordinator when requested
- Inform Coordinator of changes including contact information or change of school

FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED A PATTERN OF NON-ATTENDANCE IN THEIR PREVIOUS SCHOOL

Parents of these students are required by Florida Statutes to present their student's portfolio to a Portfolio Committee within 30 days of establishing their Home Education Program. This meeting will be scheduled by the Home School Coordinator upon student's registration in the Home Education Program.

Meetings shall continue to be scheduled every 30 days until portfolio is in a compliant status. Failure to present the student's portfolio could result in student being enrolled back into a school setting within three days. A compliance checklist is provided in the Home Education Program Packet for those who enroll in the Home Education Program.

