

Home School Monitoring

- **Annual Evaluation - Due one year from registration** ____/____/____
The annual evaluation is the reporting that is mandatory by Florida Statutes to be conducted on each student who is registered in the their county of residence in the Home School Program. There are several options to satisfy this requirement of being enrolled as a Home School Student. This evaluation is due annually and is normally requested to be presented to the county of residence by the one year anniversary from the date of original registration.
- **Portfolio Reviews - Mandatory with pattern of non-attendance/child study**
The portfolio reviews are conducted when a student has been determined to show a pattern of non-attendance through child studies at the school they are attending. The pattern of non-attendance would have been determined while the student was enrolled in a "school" setting where attendance is counted. These determinations would be made "prior" to a student being enrolled in the home school program.
Upon notification of the pattern of non-attendance to the Home School Coordinator, a portfolio review would then be set up with the purpose of reviewing the student's home school portfolio for compliancy with Florida Statutes. This review does not determine compliancy according to subject matter or grade level but by contents of portfolio as mandated by statute. This review is conducted by the Home School Coordinator and two home school parents who have home schooled for three or more years. Reviews are conducted monthly until compliancy is reached.
- **15 Day Evaluation - Established date of review by choice of school district**
The 15 day evaluation is an evaluation of the student portfolio which is conducted by the Home School Coordinator. Compliancy or non-compliancy of the portfolio is determined by the contents of the portfolio according to Florida Statutes. Florida Statutes gives the district the right to request the student portfolio upon the 15 day notification of request.
- **Summary of Types of Monitoring**
 - Annual Evaluations are mandatory for every home school student.
 - Portfolio Reviews are mandatory for those students who have been determined to have established a pattern of non-attendance prior to enrolling in the Home Education Program.
 - 15 Day Evaluations are permissible by Florida Statutes and must be presented by the parent when requested by the school district.
- **Benefits of Monitoring**
 - Home education is a right but also a responsibility which should not be taken lightly. You, as parent, become the educational system that will educate your child. Monitoring by the county can provide you as the parent with the extra accountability for staying on track and following the State mandates.
 - Incorporating your student's "schooling" will add responsibility to life's many responsibilities. Monitoring will keep you reminded of your tasks that must be accomplished so that your program is compliant.
 - Reminding students that the county coordinator will be reviewing their portfolio may assist parents in making sure their students understand their responsibilities in home schooling.