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HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM

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I. Home education programs shall adhere to the provisions of Florida Statutes. The Superintendent shall be responsible for assuring that the home education programs are in compliance with Florida Statutes.

II. The following provisions shall govern a home education program:

A. The parent, as defined by 1000.21, F.S., shall

1. Notify the Superintendent or designee in writing within thirty (30) days of the establishment of a home education program. The notice shall be signed by the parent and include the names, addresses, and birth dates of all children who shall be enrolled in the program. Copies of applicable Florida Statutes and the home education policy will be made available to the parent.

2. Maintain a portfolio of records and materials for a period of two (2) years. Contents of the portfolio shall include

a. A log of educational activities made contemporaneously with the instruction which designates by title the reading material being used;

b. Samples of any writings, worksheets, workbooks, and creative materials used or developed by the student.

Portfolios may be inspected by the Superintendent, or designee, upon fifteen (15) days written notice.

3. Provide an annual educational evaluation of each student in the home education program. The annual educational evaluation shall document the student's demonstration of educational progress at a level commensurate with his or her ability. A copy of the evaluation shall be filed annually with the School District. The annual educational evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Statutes. **Failure to provide an annual evaluation within 30 days of its anniversary date will result in immediate termination of home school enrollment.**

B. The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the student has demonstrated educational progress commensurate with his or her ability. If such progress has not been achieved, the parent shall be notified in

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writing and have one (1) year from the receipt of written notification to provide remedial instruction. Continuation in the home education program shall depend upon the student's educational progress at the end of the one (1) year probationary period.

- C. Home education families must provide written notice to the Superintendent's office of an address change or of their intention to terminate the home education program.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

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