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HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM

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- (1) Home education programs shall adhere to the provisions of Florida Statutes.
- (2) The following provisions shall govern home education programs. The parent, as defined by 1000.21, F.S., shall:
 - (a) 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 given to the parent and a conference to discuss the requirements will be held with the parent.
 - (b) Maintain a portfolio of records and materials for a period of two (2) years. Contents of the portfolio shall include:
 - (i) A log made contemporaneously with the instruction, which designates by title the reading material being used; and
 - (ii) Samples of any writings, worksheets, workbooks, and creative materials used or developed by the student;
 - (c) Portfolios may be inspected by a District employee upon 15 days written notice.
 - (d) 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/her ability. A copy of the evaluation shall be filed annually with the School Board. The annual educational evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Statutes.
 - (e) The Superintendent shall receive and accept the results of the annual educational evaluation of the student in the home education program. If the student has not demonstrated educational progress commensurate with his/her ability the parent shall be notified in 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.

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- (f) Home Education families are to provide written notice to the Superintendent's office of an address change or of their intention to terminate the home education program.
- (3) If the parent of a child who has been identified as exhibiting a pattern of non attendance, enrolls the child in a home education program, the Superintendent shall:
 - (a) Provide the parent a copy of 1002.41.
 - (b) Refer the parent to a home education review committee as required in 1003.26(f).
 - (c) Require the home education review committee to review the portfolio of the student every 30 days until the home education program is in compliance. The first portfolio review must clear within the first 30 calendar day of the establishment of the program.
 - (d) Terminate the home education program and require the parent to enroll the child in an attendance option that meets requirements of 1003.01(13)(a), (b), (c), or (e) within 3 days, if the parent fails to provide a portfolio to the committee.

If a home education program is terminated pursuant to (3) of this subparagraph, the parent shall not be eligible to re-enroll the child in a home education program for 180 calendar days.

Failure of the parent to enroll the child in an approved attendance option shall constitute non compliance and may result in criminal prosecution.

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1001.41; 1001.42, F.S.

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