

HOMESCHOOL INFORMATION

- Are you thinking about homeschooling?
- Resources to access:

1. Military Support for Homeschool

http://home.kc.rr.com/milhmschlhq/military_homeschool_support.htm

2. On Ft. Belvoir there is a HomeSchool co-op

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/belvoir-homeschoolers/>

Virginia State Requirements are listed below. You can also visit the website

<http://www.fcps.edu/ss/StudentServices/HomeInstruction/index.htm>

In accordance with Section 22.1-254.1 of the Code of Virginia, any parent may elect to provide home instruction for his or her school-age child in lieu of school attendance.

DEFINITION OF PARENT

For this purpose the Code of Virginia defines parent as a biological parent, adoptive parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child.

QUALIFICATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN (One of four required)

1. The parent or guardian holds a high school diploma.
2. The parent or guardian is a teacher of qualifications prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education.
3. The parent or guardian provides a program of study or curriculum, which may be delivered through a correspondence course or distance learning program or in any other manner.
4. The parent or guardian provides evidence that he or she is able to provide an adequate education for the child.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Documents (All):

1. Notification by parent or guardian of intent to provide home instruction. [Click here](#) for a form that may be used for this purpose.
2. Evidence of meeting one of the four qualifications described above.
3. Curriculum description to be followed during the school year.
4. Upon request by the Division Superintendent evidence of immunizations, medical contraindication certified by a licensed physician, or affidavit attesting that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with religious tenets or practices.

Time:

1. By August 15 prior to the school year in which the child will receive home instruction.
2. A parent or guardian who moves into Fairfax County or who begins home instruction after the school year has begun shall provide notification as soon as practicable and comply with all notification requirements within thirty days.

(HomeSchool Information cont.)

Location:

Home Instruction
[Fairfax County School Administration Center](#)
8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 4700
Falls Church, VA 22042
Phone: 571-423-4460
Fax: 571-423-4407

Acknowledgement:

The information submitted is reviewed and a letter is sent to the parent or guardian indicating whether or not the notification documents comply with Section 22.1-254.1 of the Code of Virginia.

ANNUAL EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENT

Documents (Either):

1. Evidence that the child has attained a composite score in or above the fourth stanine on any nationally normed standardized achievement tests.
2. An evaluation or assessment that the Division Superintendent determines to indicate that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress, , including but not limited to (1) an evaluation letter from a person licensed to teach in any state, or a person with a master's degree or higher in an academic discipline, having knowledge of the child's academic progress, stating that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress; (2) a portfolio containing a sample of the child's work from each quarter in math and language arts that demonstrates the child is achieving an adequate level of annual educational growth and progress; or (3) a report card or transcript from a community college or college, college distance learning program, or home-education correspondence school.

Time:

By August 1 following the school year in which the child has received home instruction.

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Probation/Denial:

If the required evidence of progress is not provided by the parent or guardian does not provide satisfactory evidence of progress, the home instruction program for that child may be placed on probation for one year. The parent or guardian shall file, with the Division Superintendent, evidence of ability to provide an adequate education and a remediation plan for the probationary year that indicates how the parent or guardian will address any educational deficiency. Upon acceptance of such evidence and plan by the Division Superintendent, the home instruction may continue for one probationary year. If the remediation plan and evidence of achievement are not accepted, or the required evidence of progress is not provided by August 1 following the probationary year, home instruction shall cease and the parent or guardian shall make other arrangements for the education of the child that comply with Section 22.1-254 of the Code of Virginia.