
Requirements for Teaching

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Home Schooling Regulations

Home schooling in Maryland is governed by Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.10.01. These regulations set forth the home schooling parameters that must be followed by parents who desire to teach a child at home.

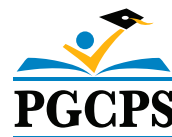
Child Find

If a parent has questions about their child's learning ability or their development, they should contact the Child Find Office. The Child Find Office is responsible for evaluating and identifying children who may require special education services. For more information please call [301-618-8300](tel:301-618-8300).



Resources

- ❖ MSDE Curriculum:
<http://mdk12.msde.maryland.gov/instruction/curriculum/index.html>
- ❖ PGCPs Home Schooling Website:
<http://www1.pgcp.s.org/homeschooling/>
- ❖ MSDE list of Nonpublic Entities Registered to Supervise Home Instruction of Maryland Students:
http://nonpublicschoolsdb.marylandpublicschools.org/nonpublic/home_instruction/DisplayLocationsByCounty.asp



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What is Home Schooling?

Home schooling is instruction provided by a parent who desires to deliver a home instruction program for his or her child, in lieu of enrolling the child in a public or private school. The home instruction program may include enrollment on a part-time or full-time basis in courses offered by accredited or unaccredited colleges.

It is important to note that transcripts and high school diplomas are **not** issued by Prince George's County Public Schools to a child who receives home instruction. Home Schooling students may take the General Education Development test (GED). A child who successfully completes the GED will receive a Maryland State diploma.

Prince George's County Public Schools does not verify grades, grade placement, credits or clock hours for home schooling students.

Requirements

A parent who desires to home school a child must notify the home schooling office. The parent must initially complete and sign a "Home Schooling Notification Form" to indicate his/her intent to home school a child and to comply with the home schooling regulations.

Each year thereafter, parents must verify the continuation of home instruction and notify the home schooling office if the child's home schooling status changes during the school year.

Parents have two options for home schooling. Parents may choose to have their home instruction reviewed by PGCPHS Home Schooling Office or parents may instruct a child under the supervision of a nonpublic entity registered with the Maryland State Department of Education to supervise home instruction (Umbrella Program).

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Portfolio Reviews by PGCPHS Home Schooling Office

If parents are not under the supervision of a non-public entity registered to supervise home instruction (Umbrella Program), parents are required to maintain a portfolio of materials that demonstrates the provision of regular, thorough instruction during the school year in English, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, health, and physical education at the appropriate grade level and includes relevant materials and examples of the child's work.

Each semester, the PGCPHS Home Schooling Office conducts reviews to ensure parent compliance with home schooling regulations. No more than three reviews are conducted during a school year.

Preparing for a Portfolio Review

Portfolios are unique and specific to the student. Below are suggestions for developing and maintaining your child's portfolio.

A portfolio may include:

- ❖ Lesson plan or schedule of daily instruction
- ❖ Online course materials such as tests and assessments
- ❖ Dated and graded samples of the child's tests or assessments, writings, worksheets, workbooks and creative materials (One to two work samples each week for each subject, throughout the semester being reviewed is suggested)
- ❖ Photographs from field trips, certificates, awards or journals that support the content areas

Students who participate in concurrent enrollment at a post-secondary institution may provide college work/materials, report card or transcript during the portfolio review.

The portfolio may be assembled in a tabbed notebook or pocket folder, with work dated and arranged chronologically within subject areas. A composition or spiral notebook may be included for each subject.

The portfolio review process generally takes 30 minutes. Students are welcome to accompany parents to the review meeting, but it is not required.

