



April 14, 2021

Dear YCSD Homeschool Family:

You are receiving this letter, because you provided home instruction to your child for the 2020-2021 school year. This letter serves as a reminder of important deadlines regarding your intent for your child to return to school in the York County School Division (YCSD) or continue with home instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

Virginia Regulations (Code of VA [§22.1-254.1](#)) for home instruction require any parent who elects to provide home instruction in lieu of school attendance to:

1. provide evidence of satisfactory educational progress to the division superintendent by **August 1, 2021** following the school year when the child was home instructed. Evidence of the child's academic achievement will be provided in one of the following ways:
 - Evidence that the child has attained a composite score in or above the fourth stanine on any nationally normed standardized achievement test; or an equivalent score on the ACT, SAT, or PSAT test; or
 - an evaluation or assessment which the school division superintendent determines to indicate that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress, including, but not limited to:
 - 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; or
 - a report card or transcript from a community college or college, college distance learning program, or home-education correspondence school.
 - more specific information regarding these requirements can be found in the Guidelines for Home Instruction on the [Virginia on the Virginia Department of Education \(VDOE\) website](#).
2. In the event that evidence of progress is not provided or the evidence does not show that the child is achieving an adequate level of growth, the home instruction program may be placed on probation (VA Code Section 22.1-254.1C) if the parent intends to provide home instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. annually notify the division superintendent on or before **August 15, 2021** of:
 - intent to provide home instruction
 - a curriculum description, and
 - evidence that the provider of home instruction having met one of the criteria:
 - holds a high school diploma;
 - is a teacher of qualifications prescribed by the Board of Education;
 - provides the child with a program of study or curriculum; or
 - the parent is able to provide an adequate education for the child.
 - The [Notice of Intent to Provide Home Instruction](#) can be found on the division website.

While there are other tests and evaluations that may meet the requirements of the law, VDOE does not maintain a list of approved tests and evaluations. Any evaluation or assessment provided must be sufficient to allow the

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division superintendent to determine that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress.

The division is currently planning for instruction to follow the traditional five-day in-person schedule in 2021-22, pending any state and federal guidance. As such, it is important that the school division plan for any students returning to the division from home instruction. In the event that your family has made the decision regarding the location of your child's instruction for the 2021-2022 school year, we would greatly appreciate knowing your intent **as soon as possible** by either:

- re-enrolling your child in school using YCSD's online [pre-registration form](#);
- submitting your [Notice of Intent to Provide Home Instruction](#)

Information regarding home instruction, including a copy of this letter, is available at the York County School Division's web site at the following location:

<https://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/specialtyPrograms/homeInstruction.aspx>. Call or email Katie Swanson at 898-0308 or cswanson@ycsd.york.va.us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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