

Home Education Vs. Hardee Virtual Academy

Understanding the difference

There is a distinct difference between Full Time Virtual School and Home Education. This page is designed to help clarify the similarities and differences. Additional information from the Florida Department of Education can be found at [Home Education](#) and [Virtual Education](#).



To begin the parent completes the “Intent to Home Educate” form and declares the student as Home Education within the district through the HCSD ESE Office 863-773-2600.

Curriculum:

- The parent is responsible for selecting and implementing the curriculum.
- The parent is responsible for documenting and submitting the proper paper work to the Home Education Department each year.

Testing:

- Home Education does not require State Standardized testing or District testing.

Graduation/Diploma:

- Home Education does not require graduation requirements including State testing, credits, etc. Students do not receive a diploma.

Environment:

- Home Education students have the flexibility of working from home.

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Hardee Virtual Academy (6-12)

To begin, a student applies, interviews, and meets all of the criteria to be enrolled in Hardee Virtual School during the open enrollment period. See Enrollment criteria on the [Enrollment page](#).

Curriculum:

- The curriculum used in Hardee Virtual Academy is selected from a State of Florida approved Virtual Instruction Provider (VIP).
- The rigorous curriculum is aligned to the state standards.
- All instructors are highly qualified, in-field Hardee County teachers.
- The student must meet all grade level requirements for student promotion.

Testing:

- Hardee Virtual Academy students are required to participate in all State and Local Assessments.

Graduation/Diploma:

- Hardee Virtual Academy awards a standard diploma upon successful completion of state graduation requirements.

Environment:

- Hardee Virtual Academy students have the flexibility of working from home and designing their own school days, however attendance requirements must be met weekly.
- The assigned hours for teachers are 8:00 am to 3: 30 p.m. daily and follow the district calendar. Teachers will have posted office hours.

Parent:

- Parents have a very important role in acting as their child's "Success Partner". While students are able to set the time and days they work, a regular daily schedule is suggested for student success.
- Parents commit to daily monitoring of their child's activities and progress and frequent communication with teachers.