A woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple top and a dark cardigan, is sitting on a light-colored sofa. She is smiling and looking down at a book she is holding. A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a grey shirt, is sitting next to her, also looking at the book. The background shows a light blue wall and a wooden floor.

**HOME SCHOOLING
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
FALL 2021**

OBJECTIVES



Review COMAR requirements



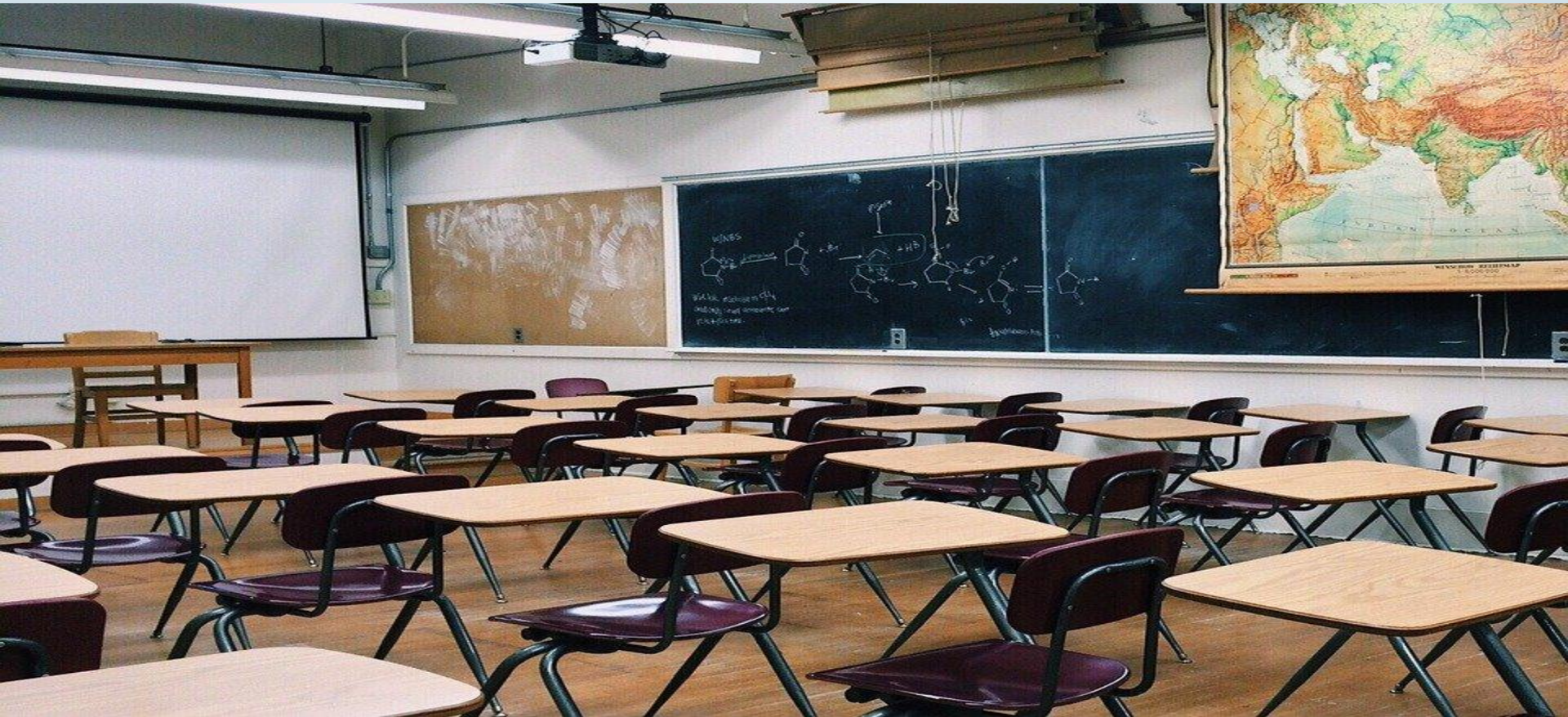
Familiarize parents with the portfolio review process



Provide resources and options available to home schooling families

HOMESCHOOLING IS **NOT**...

- PGCPS Virtual School
- PGCPS Online Academy
- Private School



Home Schooling in Maryland

Home Schooling is an option for parents who elect to withdraw their child(ren) from the public school system. Students who participate in home schooling do not have access to any of the educational resources provided to students enrolled in public school. Instead, parents are responsible for providing materials and delivering instruction.

Parents who elect home schooling are [legally mandated by the state](#) to “provide regular, thorough instruction in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.” Homeschooled students do not receive grades, credits or a diploma.



THE HOME SCHOOLING OFFICE DOES **NOT...**

- Provide curriculum; books; materials; supplies; or any instructional materials
- Provide teachers for in-home or in-person instruction
- Provide or keep records of grades; transcripts; seat hours; service learning
- Promote students to the next grade level
- Graduate students
- Award High School diplomas

THE HOMESCHOOLING OFFICE DOES...

- Support families who choose to provide home instruction
- Meet with families at the end of each semester to review evidence of Maryland home instruction requirements
- Process Home Schooling Notification Forms and Home Schooling Transfer Forms
- Provide technical assistance to families and school staff



HOME SCHOOLING IN MARYLAND

Parents must provide:

- Regular and thorough instruction in the studies usually taught in the public school to children of the same age
- Include instruction in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Health
- Take place on a regular basis and be of sufficient duration to implement the instruction program
- May include enrollment on a part-time or full-time basis offered by accredited or unaccredited

OPTIONS FOR SUPERVISION

Option A: Reviews Conducted by PGCPS

- The local education agency is required to review a parent's home instruction program twice a year.

Option B: Umbrella Program Supervision

- Non-public entities approved by the Maryland State Department of Education supervise home schooling instruction.

FAQ:

HOME SCHOOLING CO-OPS

- Offer support to families
- May be informal or franchise
- Classes typically meet one to three days a week
- Utilize parent volunteers to run the program
- Usually have an admission or administration fee

CAUTION- MSDE considers a co-op as operating as an unregistered school if the co-op meets very regularly (daily) and provides all of a child's instruction. **Attending an unregistered school is not considered homeschooling by MSDE**

<http://mdhsa.com/starting/maryland-homeschool-clarifications.php>



PGCPS PORTFOLIO REVIEW PROCESS

Home School Portfolio

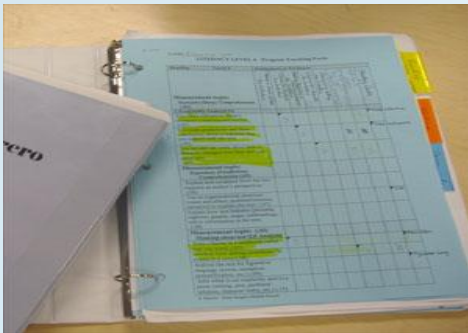
A portfolio is a **highlight** of student work

Winter Review Period

December through Early February

Spring Review Period

Late April through Early June



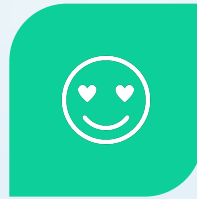
PORTFOLIO REVIEWS



ENSURE REGULAR,
THOROUGH
INSTRUCTION



SCHEDULED TWICE
A YEAR



VIRTUAL
PLATFORM



DIGITAL
UPLOAD



APPROXIMATELY 30
MINUTES

RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC WORK SAMPLES



Worksheets



Workbooks



Writing Samples



Reading Materials



List of Skills & Grade report



Assessments

RECOMMENDED SPECIAL AREA WORK SAMPLES



Photographs/Video



Log Displaying Time & Duration of Activity

DIGITAL UPLOADS

- Upload work samples into individual Google folders by subject
- Create a Google document listing all subjects and linking all subject folders
- Upload the Google document into a Google form

OR

- Upload work samples into a Google Slide or Powerpoint.
- Link the file to a Google Form
- Work samples are reviewed by a reviewer
- Parent receives a Portfolio Review Form via email
 - **Compliant**- No action required until Spring
 - **Needs Additional Evidence**- Provide evidence by the date indicated
 - **Deficient**- Additional evidence must be provided within 30 days

VIRTUAL PLATFORM- GOOGLE MEET

OPTION I- Electronic Work Sample Presentation

- Schedule your review
- Gather & organize work samples
- Upload work samples into an electronic presentation
 - PowerPoint
 - Google Slides
- Share your computer screen with the reviewer
- Use your computer to display your electronic presentation during your virtual meeting

OPTION II- Paper Sample Presentation

- Schedule your review
- Gather the hard copies of your student work samples
- Organize work samples using the sample order
- Use your computer camera, display your work samples to the reviewer

WORK SAMPLE ORDER

- ENGLISH
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- ART
- MUSIC
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- HEALTH



Parent Information:

Parent/Guardian: Lytle, Jane
 Parent Email: tynika.lytle@pgcps.org
 Contact Number: 555-1314

Student Information:

Name: Love, Sierra
 Date of Birth: 02/23/03
 Academic Level: High (9-12)

Home School Portfolio Review Form

COMAR 13A.09.09: Does your child attend a daily program for instruction for more than two courses? Yes

Name of Program: Bridge Academic Tutorial	Program Contact: Bridge Mom
Program Address: 555 Mt. Oak Road, Bowie, MD 20702	Program Number: 555-1212

Instructional Program Review

Subject	Curriculum Materials	Reading Materials	Writing Samples	Worksheets	Workbooks	Creative Materials	Online Schedule/ Assignments	College Transcript	Evidence of regular, thorough instruction
English/Reading	Abeka, Language of Lit, Woodly Wise	X	X	X	X	X			Yes
Mathematics	Saxon, You Tube			X	X	X			Yes
Science	Earth Science- Prentice Hall	X	X	X	X	X			Yes
Social Studies	Continents, Geography, Various materials	X			X	X			Yes
Art	Coloring, drawing, sculptures, PG parks				X	X			Yes
Music	Piano Lessons			X		X			Yes
Physical Education									Requirement Met (High School ONLY)
Health									Requirement Met (High School ONLY)

Review Status: **Compliant**

Reviewer Comments: Excellent review, all materials were organized.

Complete if evidence is needed or review is deficient (N/A)

Needs Additional Evidence by: _____ Subjects: _____

Deficient compliance must be demonstrated by: _____ Deficient subjects: _____

PORTFOLIO REVIEW FORM

Your portfolio review was completed by: Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Signature of Home School Program Administrator:

COMAR REQUIRED SUBJECTS

Elementary & Middle

- Language Arts/Reading
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Health

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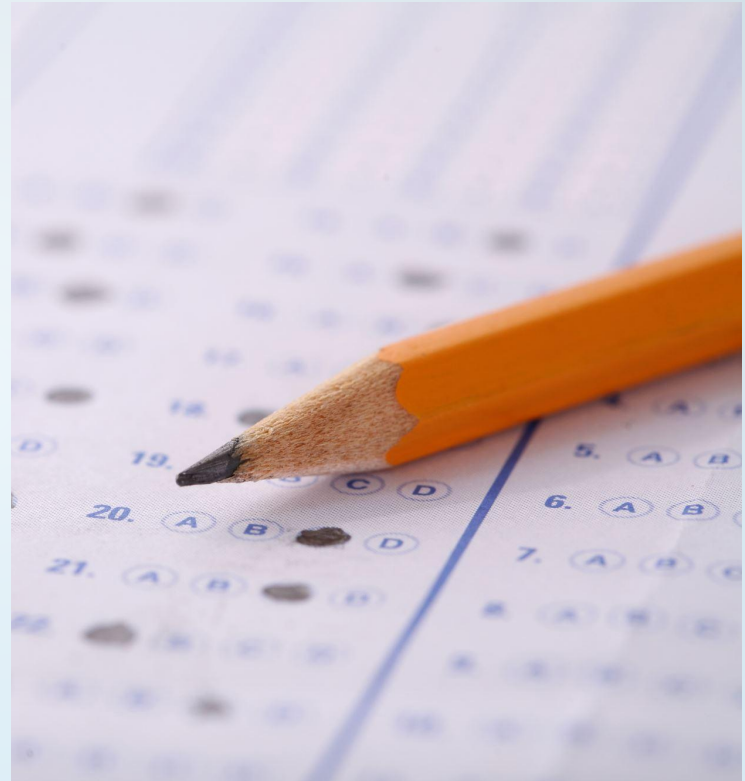
High School

- Language Arts/Reading
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Health

Students are not required to do more than what is done in public schools.
See Home Schooling Resources webpage.

MSDE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

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- Maryland State Department of Education Standardized assessments are provided by the school district
 - Home schooling parents must contact the boundary school prior to participation.



COLLEGE ENROLLMENT



A family may include part-time or full-time enrollment in courses offered by an accredited or unaccredited college upon acceptance in a college program

SCHEDULING A PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The Home Schooling Office emails the Appointlet scheduling link to all new and continuing parents



Parents may select the date and time of their virtual review



A confirmation email will be sent 24 hours prior to your appointment



Welcome to the Home Schooling Office's Portfolio Review Calendar!

- 1 Services
- 2 Times
- 3 Information
- 4 Review

Select a service

Standard Virtual Review: 1 or 2 Child(ren) - 30 minute



Extended Virtual Review: 3- 4 Children - 55 minute





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Pick a Date & Time

Timezone: US/Eastern (12:44:36 PM)

Mar 11, 2021 - Mar 18, 2021

Thu 3/11	Fri 3/12	Mon 3/15	Tue 3/16	Wed 3/17	Thu 3/18
9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
9:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM
10:30 AM		10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
11:15 AM		11:15 AM	11:15 AM	11:15 AM	11:15 AM
12:45 PM		12:45 PM	12:45 PM	12:45 PM	12:45 PM

ANNUAL VERIFICATION

Prior to the start of the public school year, a parent shall verify the continuation of homeschooling for his/her child with the local school system or umbrella program.



Annual verification may be completed in your parent portal account.

RETURNING TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (PGCPS)

A parent may discontinue home schooling at any time during the school year.

If the student will be entering PGCPS...

Complete Section I of the Home Schooling Transfer Form

Email the form to pgcps.homeschool@pgcps.org

Our office will complete Section II, and return the form to you

Give the school a copy of the returned endorsed form

The PGCPS school will complete Section III

HOME SCHOOLING RESOURCES

- Prince George's County Public Schools does not recommend any curriculum program to Home Schooling families.
- Organizations that support homeschooling in Maryland may be located on our website by clicking: Home Schooling Resources



Home Schooling Website

<https://www.pgcps.org/homeschooling/>

QUESTIONS?



PARENT PRESENTERS

A veteran home schooling parent will provide you with tips and resources they have discovered along the way:

- Michilli Hardy



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- DR. KENDRA BROOKS-POWELL, INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT
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