HOME SCHOOLING
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
FALL 2021
OBJECTIVES

- Review COMAR requirements
- Familiarize parents with the portfolio review process
- Provide resources and options available to homeschooling 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
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

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PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

ENSURE REGULAR, THOROUGH INSTRUCTION
SCHEDULED TWICE A YEAR
VIRTUAL PLATFORM
DIGITAL UPLOAD
APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES
# RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC WORK SAMPLES

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RECOMMENDED SPECIAL AREA WORK SAMPLES

- Photographs/Video
- Log Displaying Time & Duration of Activity
- 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
PORTFOLIO REVIEW FORM

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

Instructional Program Review

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Review Status: Compliant
Reviewer Comments: Excellent review, all materials were organized.

Complete if evidence is needed or review is deficient:

Needs Additional Evidence by: Subjects:
Deficient compliance must be demonstrated by:

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
COMAR REQUIRED SUBJECTS

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.
Maryland State Department of Education Standardized assessments are provided by the school district.

Home schooling parents must contact the boundary school prior to participation.
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!

Select a service

- Standard Virtual Review: 1 or 2 Child(ren) - 30 minute
- Extended Virtual Review: 3-4 Children - 55 minute
Welcome to the Home Schooling Office's Portfolio Review Calendar!

Pick a Date & Time

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

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

- Michilli Hardy
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