

Additional Information Regarding:  
**ANNUAL EVALUATIONS**

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Following is the section of Florida law (1002.41) pertaining to the requirement for an annual evaluation of home schooled students. SBAC Home School office comments, clarifications, explanatory notes are provided in italics.

(c) The parent shall provide for an annual educational evaluation in which is documented the student's demonstration of educational progress at a level commensurate with his or her ability. The parent shall elect the method of evaluation and shall file a copy of the evaluation annually with the district school superintendent's office in the county in which the student resides. The annual educational evaluation shall consist of one of the following:

1. A teacher selected by the parent shall evaluate the student's educational progress upon review of the portfolio and discussion with the student. Such teacher shall hold a valid regular Florida certificate to teach academic subjects at the elementary or secondary level; *Please ask the evaluator to include his/her Florida teaching certificate number with the evaluation report.*

2. The student shall take any nationally normed student achievement test administered by a certified teacher; *ACPS will accept results from ITBS, Stanford 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> editions, CAT, Terra Nova and others with permission from the Home Schooling Office.*

3. The student shall take a state student assessment test used by the school district and administered by a certified teacher, at a location and under testing conditions approved by the school district; *& Home school students who take the FCAT must register with ACPS Testing Office by November 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year. (955 – 7620)*

4. The student shall be evaluated by an individual holding a valid, active license pursuant to the provisions of State Statute 490.003(7) or (8); or

5. The student shall be evaluated with any other valid measurement tool as mutually agreed upon by the district school superintendent of the district in which the student and the student's parent resides. *Call the Home School Office (955 – 7699) for permission to use alternative methods.*

*Annual evaluations are due on or before July 31. Home schooling programs commencing between July 31<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> are due July 31<sup>st</sup> the following calendar year. Programs commencing between January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> are due July 31<sup>st</sup> the following calendar year. For programs commencing after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the first evaluation due July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year and should cover the full instructional period of time. All subsequent evaluations are due on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> and should cover one year of home instructions.*