Homeschool Information

It is extremely important that parents/guardians thoroughly educate themselves on what it means to register their students as homeschooled. Homeschool students are those whose parents/guardians have withdrawn them with from the zoned school with the intent of being responsible for the students' education at home.

Information on what homeschool means as well as how to register and educate your student as a registered homeschool student can be found at the Office of Student Assignment website, which is located here.

How are homeschool students different from Full Time MVS students?

Homeschool students are not enrolled as students in the Manatee County School District; therefore, they are not members of any traditional school. Full Time MVS students are considered the same as any other traditional students who attend a traditional district school. Full Time MVS students are fulltime students who follow the same calendar and are required to follow the same graduation and testing requirements. Homeschoolers do not.

Homeschool students MAY take MVS or FLVS virtual courses, but will NOT earn a diploma if registered as a homeschool student. There are ways to earn a diploma as a homeschool student; therefore, a parent of a homeschool student must investigate those options, which can be found at the Florida Department of Education website located here.

What is the next step if I am interested in using MVS Full Time for my homeschool child? If you are interested in registering your homeschool child as a Full Time Manatee Virtual School Student:

- 1) He/she must meet the requirements to apply as a Full Time MVS student.
- 2) If admitted as a Full Time MVS student, he/she is not registered as homeschool. This student simply pursues the coursework at home.
- 3) Follow the directions for MVS registration found on the *How to Enroll* page of this website.