

Ordinance 2025/26-53

Section 8-42.2. Declaration of Policy; requirements for home instruction. — A. The School Board recognizes that when the requirements of Virginia Code §22.1-254.1 (1950), as amended, are complied with, instruction of children by their parents is an acceptable form of education under the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

B. Any parent of any child who ~~will have reached the fifth birthday~~ is five years old or older on or before September 30 of any school year and who ~~has not passed the~~ is not yet ~~eighteenth birthday years old~~ may elect to provide home instruction in lieu of school attendance if ~~he~~ the parent:

- (i) ~~holds a baccalaureate degree in any subject from an accredited institution of higher education~~ holds a high school diploma;
- (ii) is a teacher of qualifications prescribed by the Board of Education; ~~or~~
- ~~(iii) has enrolled the child or children in a correspondence course approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; or~~
- ~~(iii)~~ provides the child with a program of study or curriculum which, ~~in the judgment of the division superintendent, includes the standards of learning objectives adopted by the Board of Education for language arts and mathematics~~ may be delivered through a correspondence course or distance learning program or in any other manner; or
- ~~(iv)~~ and provides evidence that the parent is able to provide adequate education for the child.

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Legal Authority—Virginia Code § 22.1-254.1.