

Parental Instruction Orientation (Home Schooling)

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Questions ... Questions

... and we have answers!



How am I approved for home schooling?

Does CCPS provide curriculum and materials?

Can CCPS recommend programs or support groups?

What is an umbrella school?

Can parents use a tutor?

How many hours a day/weeks per year?

Are Special Education services available?

Can my child participate in band, athletics?

Can 4 year olds be on home schooling?

What about Common Core?

Do I have to re-register every year?

Can online programs be used?

What happens if my child won't cooperate?

Can I still review with CCPS if I move?

What age can my child stop home schooling?

Can home schoolers attend college?

Will my child graduate with a diploma?

How long does CCPS keep home schooler's student record?

Who is the CCPS Home Schooling Coordinator?

Just the Basics

Home Schooling in Maryland

- Three (3) informative videos (9-10 minutes each) on our website detail the process. Go to: <https://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/homeschooling>. Scroll down, videos are at the right side of the page.

Portfolio Reviews

- **January & June**
 - Mail / email / drop off portfolio or call to request a TEAMS teleconference
 - Drop Box at Main Entrance, label envelope, stuff no more than 2" thick to fit in the slot
 - Teleconference is approx. 30 minutes
 - First review a little longer
 - Child may participate, but not required
- **Summary Review Form/Profile form helpful, not mandatory**
 - Mail/email/drop off completed form before review
- **Compulsory attendance law**
 - Reviews not required after age 18





Preparation for Your Review

- **Show evidence of regular, planned schedule of instruction**
- **Date all work**
 - Show samples from the beginning / middle / end of the semester please.
- **Show at least 3 samples of student work per subject**
 - Writing, workbooks, creative materials, tests.
 - Reading lists, photos, journals, awards, certificates, programs.
 - OK to use an online program progress reports / report cards.
- **Provide examples of instructional materials**
 - Don't need to send enough to fill a U-Haul truck
- **Email pdf or Microsoft Office files only please**
 - Maximum file size = 25 Mb. Break into Email #1, Email #2 if needed.
 - We cannot access links to your files (Google drive, etc).



Portfolio Review Ratings

Acceptable / Clear Evidence

- Sufficient evidence of planning as well as physical evidence of student work to show that regular, thorough instruction has taken place on a regular basis during the school year and is of sufficient duration to implement the program.

Needs Better Evidence

- Insufficient evidence of instruction. Weaknesses will be addressed at the next portfolio review.

Unacceptable

- Portfolio does not comply with COMAR 13A.10.01.D. Revise and resubmit within 30 days.
- May need to re-enroll in public or private school if out of compliance.

Odds & Ends

Please be on time for your teleconference appointment

Appointment rescheduling

- Might need to be with a different reviewer

No Show's = out of compliance

- Call to reschedule ASAP
- May result in home visit by PPW

Post reminder card on fridge or bulletin board

Emergencies happen, but do try to make it

Closures / Delays – refer to hot pink flyer

GED

- Must be active home schooler at least 16 years of age
- [GED.com](https://ged.com) – official website
- MD Dept of Labor/Office of Adult Education – 410-767-0069
- Contact CSM/Adult Basic Education, 301-934-7770 or adulthood@csmd.edu



More Odds & Ends

Service Learning

- Independent project
- Info on CCPS website

Dual Enrollment at CSM

- Must be age 16
- Form requires signature of CCPS Coordinator of Home Schooling.

MVA Learner's Permit Form

- Requires parent signature on DL-300A form. We no longer need to sign.

Process to re-enroll in school

- Submit Change of Status form
- Enroll at home school
 - Temporary Admission Slip
 - Elementary level - grade placement / testing determined at the school
 - Secondary level – grade placement / testing done by BOE/Dept of Instruction



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Director of Student Services
Director of Human Resources
443-550-8000

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Director of Student Services
Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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Mr. Zachary Seawell
Director of Human Resources
Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
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