

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; or
- (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.