

Evidence of Achievement

To comply with § [22.1-254.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, the parent is required to submit, by the following August 1, evidence of the child's academic achievement in one of the following ways:

1. Evidence that the child has attained a composite score in or above the fourth stanine on any nationally normed standardized achievement test; or an equivalent score on the ACT, SAT, or PSAT test; or
2. An evaluation or assessment which the school division superintendent determines to indicate that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) an evaluation letter from a person licensed to teach in any state, or a person with a master's degree or higher in an academic discipline, having knowledge of the child's academic progress, stating that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress; or
 - (b) a report card or transcript from a community college or college, college distance learning program, or home-education correspondence school.

Students' score reports on the ACT, SAT, or PSAT test may not contain scores expressed in stanines. However, percentile scores are usually reported. A percentile score of 23 or above is equivalent to a score at or above the fourth stanine. Thus, students who obtain a national composite score at or above a percentile score of 23 have met the requirement for academic achievement.

While there are other tests and evaluations that may meet the requirements of this section of the law, this Department does not maintain a list of approved tests and evaluations. The Department encourages parents to consult with school divisions and other resources such as home instruction parent organizations to determine which test or method of evaluation best meets their needs and provides sufficient information. This consultation is for information purposes only because a parent may use any nationally normed standardized achievement test as evidence of academic achievement or an ACT, SAT, or PSAT test.

<http://guide.vahomeschoolers.org/home-instruction/progress/>
<https://heav.org/virginia-homeschool-laws/testing/>

Please note, however, that any evaluation or assessment provided must be sufficient to allow the division superintendent to determine that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress.

If the parent does not provide the required evidence of progress, the superintendent may place the home instruction program on probation for one year. (For the purpose of this provision, "not provided" means either that no information is submitted or the child is not making satisfactory academic progress as determined by the results of testing or the results of an evaluation or assessment). If this happens, the parent will be required to file a remediation plan and evidence of the ability to provide an adequate education for the child. The superintendent must determine whether these submissions are adequate. The superintendent is not required to place the program on probation or accept the remediation plan. However, if the plan and evidence are not accepted or the required evidence is not provided by August 1 following the probationary year, home instruction shall cease and the parent must make other arrangements that comply with the compulsory attendance law. (§ 22.1-254.1.C of the Code of Virginia)

The evaluation requirement does not apply to children under the age of six as of September 30.