

# Withdrawal from Public School to Home School

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# Parental Right to Home Study

- OCGA § 20.2.786 Parents' Bill of Rights
  - (e)(1) All parental rights are reserved to the parent of a minor child in this state without obstruction or interference from a state or local government entity, governing body, or any officer, employee, or agent thereof, including, but not limited to:
  - (C) **The right to apply to enroll his or her minor child in a** public school or, as an alternative to public education, a private school, including a religious school, **a home study program**, or other available options, as authorized by law and subject to applicable enrollment requirements;

*House Bill 1178 passed during 2022 Legislative Session.*

# Home School Law Reporting Requirements

- OCGA § 20.2.690
  - (c)(1) The parent, parents, or guardian must **submit within 30 days** after the establishment of a home study program **and by September 1 annually thereafter a declaration of intent** to utilize a home study program to the Department of Education, which shall provide for written or electronic submittal of such declaration of intent. The Department of Education shall provide a copy of such declarations to the local school systems in which the home study programs are located;

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  - (c)(2) The declaration shall include a **list of the names and ages of the students** who are enrolled in the home study program, **the address where the home study program is located**, the **local school system in which the home study program is located**, and a statement of **the 12 month period that is to be considered the school year for that home study program**. Enrollment records and reports shall not be used for any purpose except providing necessary enrollment information, except with the permission of the parent or guardian of a child, or pursuant to the subpoena of a court of competent jurisdiction;

# Parental Submission of DOI

- Parents may submit a Declaration of Intent to begin a Home Study program either on our website or they may mail it to our offices.
  - Online access to the digital application is available on our webpage:
    - [Home Schools \(gadoe.org\)](https://www.gadoe.org)
  - Parents may also complete the form on paper and mail it to our office.
    - Once received, our office transcribes the information for access through the Declaration of Intent to Home Study database that all school systems have access.
    - The form can be downloaded at: [Declaration of Intent – Printable Form](#)

# Requirements for and Confirming of Submission of Declaration of Intent

- OCGA § 20.2.785
  - In the event that a child is withdrawn from a public school without a declaration filed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-690 and that child stops attending a public school for a period of 45 days, the school shall refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to conduct an assessment.
  - The purpose of such referral and assessment shall be limited to determining whether such withdrawal was to avoid educating the child.
  - Presentation of a copy of such filed declaration shall satisfy the assessment, and the Division shall immediately terminate the assessment under this Code section.

*House Bill 530 passed during 2019 Legislative Session.*

# Searching for Home Study DOI

- Select individuals in a Local School System can search for Declaration of Intent to Homeschool through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).
  - Each Local School System has a named Security Officer for state reporting.
  - Contact your local school system administration to find out who the named individual is for state data reporting to inquire who has access permissions for this purpose.

# SLDS – Home Study Search

Home	SLDS	Parent Portal Support	GUIDE	IEP	PBIS	Usage Reports	IIS Dashboard	Growth Model
ELP Screener	Keenville	TKES/LKES	ES4PS	Georgia Learns - PD Hub	Request Services	SI Dashboard		

Search By GTID  Search

Search By Year, System, School, Grade and Student

2024 ▼ Sample County ▼ School, please select ▼ Grade, ... Student, ...

**Good Afternoon, SAMPLE USER**

District: **Sample** County School: Select a School ▼ Teacher: Select a Teacher ▼

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SLDS Historical



SLDS Operational



ELP Growth Model

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 ACCESS	 ALT ACCESS	 Attendance	 Foster Report	 GA Virtual Enrollment	 GAA
 GKIDS	 GKIDS Readiness Check	 HEADSTART	 Homeschool Report	 Lexile Scores	 Local Assessment

# SLDS – Home Study Search

You may also select to look for a home study student in a neighboring school system if you do not find them located in the home school system of record.

The screenshot displays the 'SLDS Operational - Homeschool Report' search interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, Growth Model, ELP Growth Model, L A Status, High School Feedback, Gifted Eligibility, and Counselor Companion. Below this, a secondary navigation bar lists various tools like ELP Screener, Keenville, TRES/LKES, ES4PS, Georgia Learns - PD Hub, Request Services, SI Dashboard, Hub, GaLEADS, and Logout. The main search area features a 'School' dropdown set to 'District' and a 'Search By GTID' section with filters for Year (2024), System (Sample County), School, Grade, and Student. A 'System ID' dropdown is set to 'Sample County' (callout 3). The 'Student Name Search' field is highlighted with a red oval (callout 1). A 'Local Year' dropdown is open, showing a list of years from 2024 down to 2021, with 2021 selected (callout 2). A 'View Report' button is circled in red (callout 4). A 'Back' button is located in the top right corner. A 'Help & Training' icon is also present.

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