# 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) <u>The right to apply to enroll his or her minor child in a</u> public school or, as an alternative to public education, a private school, including a religious school, <u>a home study program</u>, 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

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(c)(1) The parent, parents, or guardian must <u>submit within 30 days</u> after the establishment of a home study program <u>and by September</u> <u>1 annually thereafter a declaration of intent</u> 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 <u>list of the names and ages of the students</u> who are enrolled in the home study program, <u>the address where the home study program is located</u>, the <u>local school system in which the home study program is located</u>, and a statement of <u>the 12 month period that is to be considered the school year for that home study program</u>. 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)
  - 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: <u>Declaration of Intent Printable Form</u>



## Requirements for and Confirming of Submission of Declaration of Intent

- OCGA § 20.2.785
  - In the event that a <u>child is withdrawn from a public school without a</u> <u>declaration filed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-690 and that child stops</u> <u>attending a public school for a period of 45 days, the school shall refer the</u> <u>matter to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of</u> <u>Human Services to conduct an assessment</u>.
  - 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.



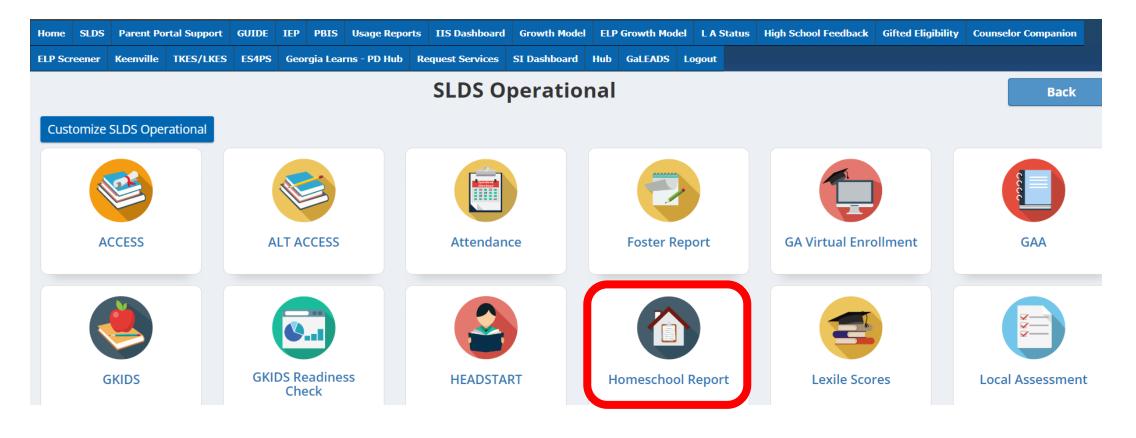
### **SLDS – Home Study Search**

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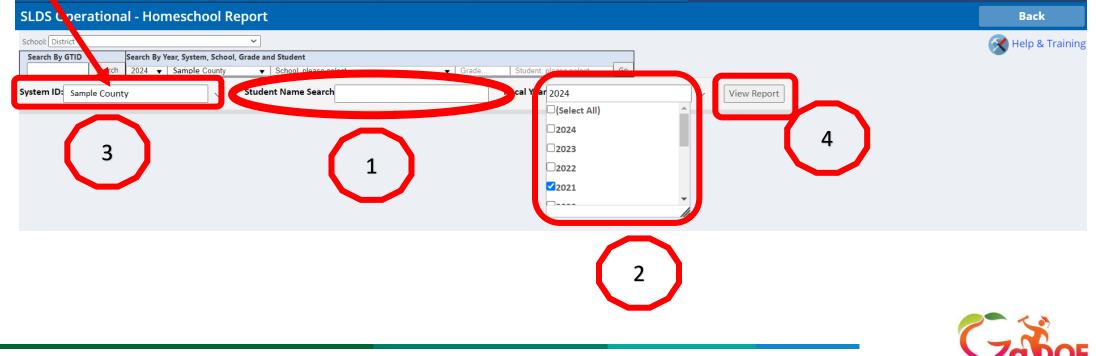


### **SLDS – Home Study Search**

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.

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