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Puerto Rican teens who evacuated after Hurricane Maria's devastation can still earn a high school diploma from their home island while completing their work in Florida, the state Department of Education has informed superintendents.

If the students fled the storm, are currently enrolled in a Florida public school and had attained 11th or 12 grade by the time Maria hit, they can pursue this option, K-12 chancellor Hershel Lyons wrote in a late December memo.

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Education commissioner Pam Stewart reached out to her counterpart in Puerto Rico in November to make this arrangement possible. The state is coordinating with Puerto Rico to get student credits transferred and to get transcripts delivered.

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