



Homeschool Options in Iowa

An Overview Chart

Options with no initial reporting and no public school services

Independent Private Instruction or Competent Private Instruction Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

Similarities

Differences

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- No initial filing requirements.
- Can receive free testing at their resident public school.
- Eligible for Parent Taught Driver Education.

- Home educators operating under the IPI guidelines may instruct up to four unrelated students, although no payment may be received for the instruction. The instruction of unrelated students is not addressed under CPI.
- IPI: Parents must provide instruction in these 5 subjects: reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, but there is no legally defined minimal number of instructional days.

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Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

- Access to public school driver education without dual-enrollment.
- Access to one specific component of Senior Year Plus: concurrent enrollment classes at Iowa Community colleges.
- No AEA or public school services available for special needs students.

- CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out: Has no required subjects but does require parents to provide at least 148 days of instruction per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.
- Follow-up Reporting: IPI parents are required to respond to a written request for information about IPI programs from the Iowa Department of Education or local school district superintendent. (*Visit our website for a form to help you respond to a request for this information.*) CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out has no initial or follow-up reporting requirements.

Options with reporting and access to public school services

Competent Private Instruction Option 1 (with your chosen teacher or a HSAP* teacher) or Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

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Option 1 w/ Teacher of your choice

- CPI Report Form A must be filed with your resident school district by Sept 1st or within 2 weeks of removing your child from school.
- Dual enrollment is permitted allowing students access to public school services, activities, classes, and materials as available from the school district and as the student meets the eligibility requirements. Dual enrolled CPI students must receive at least 1/4 of their instruction via Competent Private Instruction.
- AEA and public school services are available to special needs students educated under CPI guidelines through dual enrollment.
- Eligible for Parent Taught Driver Education.
- Parents must provide at least 148 days of instruction per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.

- CPI Option 1 with Teacher of Your Choice: You must retain a teacher with a valid Iowa teaching certificate or practitioner license appropriate to the grade level of your student and include that teacher's name and folder number on the CPI Report Form A. Teachers must meet with the student and parents at least twice every 45 days of instruction and one out of every two visits must be face-to-face.

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Option 1 w/ HSAP* Teacher

- CPI Option 1 with HSAP* Teacher: Students must be enrolled in the HSAP then the public school will assign a HSAP supervising teacher. The HSAP teacher must meet with the student and parent at least four times every 45 days of instruction and one out of every two visits must be face-to-face.

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Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

- CPI Option 2, with Opt-In Reporting: Annual assessment must be completed by May 1 and the results filed by June 30th. Acceptable assessments are listed on our website.

*Public School Home School Assistance Program

