



# Iowa's 5 Homeschool Options

## An Overview Chart of the Legal Homeschooling Options in Iowa

### Options with no initial reporting and limited public school services

#### DISTINCTIONS:

##### Choice 1: Independent Private Instruction (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.
- Home educators operating under the IPI guidelines may instruct up to four unrelated students, although no payment may be received for the instruction.
- May access concurrent enrollment classes at Iowa community colleges, a component of Senior Year Plus.
- Follow-up reporting may be required if parents receive 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.*)

##### Choice 2: Competent Private Instruction Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting (CPI 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.
- No initial or follow-up reporting requirements.

#### SIMILARITIES:

- No initial filing requirements.
- Can receive free testing at their resident public school.
- Eligible for Parent Taught Driver Education.
- Access to public school driver education without dual-enrollment.
- No AEA or public school services available for special needs students.

### Options with reporting and access to public school services

#### DISTINCTIONS:

##### Choice 3: Competent Private Instruction Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting (CPI Opt-In)

- Annual assessment must be completed by May 1 and the results filed by June 30th. Acceptable assessments are listed on the Homeschool Iowa website.

##### Choice 4: Competent Private Instruction Option 1 with Supervising Teacher of your choice (CPI-Supervising Teacher)

- 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-of-every-two visits must be face-to-face.

##### Choice 5: Competent Private Instruction Option 1 with HSAP Teacher (CPI-HSAP)

- Students must be enrolled in the HSAP then the 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-of-every-two visits must be face-to-face.
- "HSAP" refers to a Homeschool Assistance Program provided by some of the accredited schools in Iowa. The HSAPs are independently managed and can vary from district to district as to what they offer.

#### SIMILARITIES:

- 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 student access to public school services, activities, classes, and materials from the school district, as available 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.
- Can receive free testing at their resident public school.
- AEA and public school services are available to special needs students educated under CPI guidelines through dual enrollment.
- Eligible for Parent Taught Driver Education
- May access public school driver education, even without dual enrollment
- Access to Senior Plus options through dual enrollment, including concurrent enrollment community college courses, PSEO courses, AP courses, and more.
- Parents must provide at least 148 days of instruction per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.

For more detailed information about each of these options, please visit our website at [homeschooliowa.org](http://homeschooliowa.org).



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