

Homeschool Options in Iowa

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A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

	CHOICE #1	CHOICE #2	CHOICE #3	CHOICE #4	CHOICE #5
LABEL USED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	IPI (Independent Private Instruction)	CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting	CPI Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting	CPI Option 1 Supervising Teacher You Select	CPI Option 1 Public School HSAP Supervising Teacher
Is filing of CPI Form A required?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, but only items 1, 3, 5 required
For what age child is Form A filing required?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Age 6-15, inclusive, with age determined on September 15	Age 6-15, inclusive, with age determined on September 15	Age 6-15, inclusive, with age determined on September 15
Is anything other than Form A filing required?	No Form A filing, but school can request, in writing, answers to four specific questions	No	Yes, an additional annual assessment results report is required	No	The school can request additional information reporting
Is the teaching of any subjects required by law?	Math, science, social studies, reading & language arts	No	No	No	The school can impose required subjects
Can school request proof that subjects are being taught	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	The school can request proof that subjects are being taught
Are licensed teacher visits required?	No	No	No	Yes. Two times per quarter	Yes. Four times per quarter
Is an annual assessment required?	No	No	Yes, with results reported by June 30	No	The school can impose required assessments
What subjects must be assessed?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1st-5th: Reading, language arts, math 6th+: The above and social studies & science	Not applicable	The school can determine this
What assessment tools can be used?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Standardized testing, portfolio assessment, OR a report from an accredited correspondence school	Not applicable	The school can determine this
Is no-cost testing available at school?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can school classes, activities and programs be accessed through dual enrollment?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, HSAP enrollment alone is not sufficient – dual enrollment is also required
Can PSEO courses be accessed?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, HSAP enrollment alone is not sufficient – dual enrollment is also required
Can community college concurrent enrollment classes be accessed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can a child who requires special education be taught?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is permission required to teach a child who needs special education?	No	No	Yes, but only if public school special education services are used	Yes, but only if public school special education services are used	Yes, but only if public school special education services are used
Can public school drivers education be accessed?	Yes, and dual enrollment is not required	Yes, and dual enrollment is not required	Yes, and dual enrollment is not required	Yes, and dual enrollment is not required	Yes, and dual enrollment is not required
Can parent-taught drivers education be accessed?	Yes, the DOT accepts applications for students under IPI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law specifically state that unrelated children can be instructed?	Yes, the law states up to four unrelated children can be instructed, but this is not required to use this option	No	No	No	No