



Homeschool Options in Iowa

A Homeschool Iowa Summary & Comparison Chart

Options with no initial reporting and limited public school services

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

Similarities

Differences

IPI

- No initial filing requirements.
- Operational autonomy from the public school, if desired.
- No dual enrollment access to public school activities, classes, or special education programs.

- Home educators using the **IPI option** 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 options**.

CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

- Access, if desired, to limited public school services without dual enrollment, including: free standardized testing, concurrent enrollment courses at Iowa community colleges, and fee-based driver education.
- Eligibility for Parent Taught Driver Education.

- Under the **IPI option**, instruction must be provided in these 5 subjects: reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, but there is no legally defined minimal number of instructional days.

Under **CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out**, there are no required subjects, but at least 148 days of instruction must be provided per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.

- **IPI option** parents are required to respond to a *written* request from the Iowa Department of Education or local school district superintendent for information about their IPI programs.

Visit our website for a form to use when responding to such a request.

CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out has no reporting or response 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

Similarities

Differences

CPI Option 1 w/ Teacher of your choice

- Requirement to file a CPI Report Form A with the resident school district by September 1st or within 2 weeks of removing a child from school.
- Requirement to provide at least 148 days of instruction per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.
- Optional signup for dual enrollment, which allows access to public school services, activities, classes (including Senior Year Plus), and materials, as available. In some cases, eligibility requirements apply. Dual-enrolled students must receive at least 1/4 of their instruction via Competent Private Instruction.

- **CPI Option 1 with Teacher of Your Choice:** A teacher with a valid Iowa teaching license appropriate to the student's grade level must be retained and designated on the CPI Report Form A. The teacher must meet with the parent and student at least twice every 45 days of instruction, and one out of every two visits must be face-to-face.

CPI Option 1 w/ HSAP* Teacher

- Optional access to AEA and public school services for special needs students through dual enrollment.
- Optional access to free public school testing and/or fee-based driver education *without* dual enrollment.
- Eligibility for Parent Taught Driver Education.

- **CPI Option 1 with Public School HSAP* Teacher:** Students must be enrolled in the public school HSAP, which will assign a 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.

CPI Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

- **CPI Option 2, with Opt-In Reporting:** Annual assessment must be completed by May 31st and the results must be filed by August 1st. Acceptable assessments are listed on our website.

*Home School Assistance Program

