



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

CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

- Both have no initial filing requirements, and provide operational autonomy from the public school, if desired.
- Neither allow dual enrollment access to public school activities, classes, or special education programs.
- Both allow optional limited public school services without dual enrollment, including: free standardized testing, concurrent enrollment courses at Iowa community colleges, and fee-based driver education.
- Both of these options allow access to Parent Taught Driver Education.

- 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 any of the CPI options, including **CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out**.
- 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, and no specified number of instructional days are required by law.
- **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

CPI Option 1 w/ HSAP* Teacher

CPI Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

- All 3 require CPI Report Form A filing with the school district by September 1st or within 2 weeks of removing a child from accredited school enrollment.
- All 3 offer optional dual enrollment, which allows access to available public school services, activities, materials, and classes (including Senior Year Plus). Sport eligibility requirements apply. Dual-enrolled students must receive at least 1/4 of their instruction via CPI.
- All 3 offer optional access to public school and AEA services for special needs students through dual enrollment.
- All 3 provide optional access to no-cost standardized testing and/or driver education at the public school without dual enrollment.
- All 3 of these CPI options allow access to Parent Taught Driver Education.

- **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 listed 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. At least 148 days (37 days/quarter) of instruction is required.
- **CPI Option 1 with Public School HSAP* Teacher:** Students must be enrolled in the public school HSAP, which will assign a supervising teacher to the family. 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. At least 148 days (37 days/quarter) of instruction is required.
- **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. No specified number of instructional days is required.

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