

New Homeschool Rules Proposed by the Iowa Department of Education

lowa homeschooling families,

PLEASE NOTE:

The lowa Department of Education has released **proposed rule changes** that **affect you directly!**

The changes are being proposed to the **Chapter 31 Administrative Rules** that implement and interpret the lowa Code sections governing private instruction, including homeschooling.

These proposed changes are being published in response to Governor Reynolds' Executive Order 10, which requires state agencies to review their rules and remove "unduly restrictive rule language, remove inflexible rule language, and incorporate statutory language by reference when available."

Homeschool lowa's Advocacy Team is working with Home School Legal Defense Association to **carefully review and analyze these proposed changes**. We will share our recommendations with you as soon as they are ready.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Homeschool lowa encourages every homeschooling family in lowa to:

- read these proposed rules by accessing them here.
- share your concerns or suggestions with our Advocacy Team by emailing advocacy@homeschooliowa.org.
- submit comments to the Department of Education and/or attend a public hearing on the proposed rules.

FEBRUARY 27 is the comment submission deadline and the date for the public hearings.

Please dedicate some time to review the proposed changes and to submit comments. Also, please watch our website for Homeschool lowa's guide to the rule change proposal, which will be available soon.

Blessings,

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