



Accredited Correspondence Schools

Accredited correspondence schools can be used by parents using any of the available [Iowa homeschool legal options](#). Parents using [CPI with Reporting & Annual Assessment](#)* may use the final report from a correspondence school as evidence that the child has made academic progress for that year – but the correspondence school must be a member of an accrediting association recognized by the federal Department of Education and accredited for elementary and secondary education.

Homeschool Iowa has compiled a list of accredited correspondence schools whose final report should be accepted by the Iowa Department of Education and the school district. This list is neither guaranteed nor exhaustive, and it does not imply any type of endorsement, but is provided as a tool to assist you. Parents using correspondence school reports as evidence of annual educational progress bear the responsibility of confirming that the school they use is appropriately accredited and has maintained this accreditation while the student was enrolled.

[**A Beka Academy**](#) (Pensacola, FL) is accredited by FACCS, SACS CASI, and CITA

[**American School**](#) (Lansing, IL) is accredited by NCPSA and MSA-CESS

[**Arizona State University Prep Global Academy**](#) (Tempe, AZ) is accredited by Cognia

[**Basic Christian Education Academy**](#) (Greenville, OH) is accredited by NAPS

[**Bridgeway Christian Academy**](#) (Alpharetta, GA) is accredited by SACS CASI

[**Calvert Academy**](#) [a.k.a. Excellence Academy] (Tempe, AZ) is accredited by Cognia

[**Catholic Academy**](#) [Catholic] (Bonita Springs, FL) is accredited by Cognia

[**Christian Liberty Academy**](#) (Arlington Heights, IL) is accredited by NAPS

[**Clonlara School**](#) (Ann Arbor, MI) is accredited by NCPSA

[**Excel High School**](#) (Plymouth, MN) is accredited by Cognia and MSA CESS

Forest Trail Academy (West Palm Beach, FL) is accredited by Cognia

Griggs University High School Online [Seventh-day Adventist] (Berrien Springs, MI) is accredited by NCPSA

Heritage Homeschool Academy (Fort Scott, KS) is accredited by NCPSA

Ignite Christian Academy (Rock Rapids, IA) is accredited by Cognia

Indiana University High School Online (Bloomington, IN) is accredited by Cognia

The Keystone School (Reston, VA) is accredited by Cognia

Kolbe Academy [Catholic] (Napa, CA) is accredited by Cognia

Laurel Springs School (West Chester, PA) is accredited by WASC & Cognia

Liberty University Online Academy (Lynchburg, VA) is accredited by ACSI & Cognia

Lighthouse Christian Academy (Bloomington, IN) is accredited by NCPSA & MSA CESS

Memoria Academy (Louisville, KY) is accredited by CLSA

Mizzou Academy [University of Missouri] (Columbia, MO) is accredited by Cognia

Mother of Divine Grace School [Catholic] (Ojai, CA) is accredited by WASC

North Dakota Center for Distance Education (Fargo, ND) is accredited by Cognia

NorthStar Academy (Southaven, MS) is accredited by Cognia

Oak Meadow (Putney, VT) is accredited by NEASC

Penn Foster (Scranton, PA) is accredited by DEAC & Cognia

Seton Home Study School [Catholic] (Front Royal, VA) is accredited by MSA CESS

University of Nebraska High School (Lincoln, NE) is accredited by Cognia

Veritas Scholars Academy (Lancaster, MA) is accredited by MSA CESS

Western Christian Academy (Prather, CA) is accredited by Cognia

Apply wisdom and discernment as you determine if enrolling your child in a correspondence school is the best possible alternative.

- Decide whether you and your child can commit to all of the correspondence school's requirements, including costs, curriculum choices, and timelines for completion.
- Verify that the correspondence school's worldview is compatible with your own.
- If you are using the correspondence school for annual assessment purposes under CPI with Reporting & Annual Assessment,* certify each school year that the school is appropriately accredited and obtain printed verification of this fact.
- Understand that utilizing end-of-year reports from accredited correspondence schools for competent private instruction annual assessment purposes does not automatically ensure that credits earned through an accredited correspondence school can be transferred to a public school, if you should ever desire to do so.

* The Iowa Department of Education calls this homeschool legal option "CPI Option 2 with Opt-In."