



IOWA HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS

A Summary & Comparison Chart

Options with no initial reporting & limited public school services:

CHOICE #1 IPI (Independent Private Instruction) or
CHOICE #2 CPI (Competent Private Instruction) with No Reporting

Choice #1 IPI

Choice #2 CPI with No Reporting

The DE calls this CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out (No) Reporting

Similarities

- Both have no requirement for initial filing and provide autonomy from the public school, if desired.
- Neither allow dual enrollment to provide access to public school activities, classes, programs, or special education services.
- Both allow access to no-cost concurrent enrollment courses.
- Both allow access to parent-taught driver education and/or fee-based public school driver education courses.
- Neither requires a specific number of instructional days

Differences

- Home educators using **CHOICE #1 (IPI)** may teach students who are not related to the IPI instructor and may charge fees for the instruction provided.
Instruction of unrelated students is not specified by law for CPI, including **CHOICE #2 (CPI with No Reporting)**.
- **CHOICE #1 (IPI)** requires instruction in 5 subjects: reading, language arts, mathematics, science & social studies. **CHOICE #2 (CPI with No Reporting)** has no subject requirements
- **CHOICE #1 (IPI)** parents are required to respond if they receive a written request from the Iowa Department of Education or the local school district superintendent for IPI program information. *Visit our website for a form to use if a written request is received.* **CHOICE #2 (CPI with No Reporting)** has no legally specified reporting requirements.

Options with reporting & public school service access:

CHOICE #3 CPI (Competent Private Instruction) with Reporting & Annual Assessment
CHOICE #4 CPI (Competent Private Instruction) with Reporting & Private Supervision
CHOICE #5 CPI (Competent Private Instruction) with Reporting & HSAP Supervision

Choice #3 CPI with Reporting & Annual Assessment

The DE calls this CPI Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

Choice #4 CPI with Reporting & Private Supervision

The DE calls this CPI Option 1 Supervised by Private Teacher

Choice #5 CPI with Reporting & HSAP Supervision

The DE calls this CPI Option 1 Supervised by HSAP Teacher

Similarities

- All 3 require filing of CPI Report Form A with the school district by September 1st or within 30 days of commencing any of the Competent Private Instruction (CPI) options with reporting.
- All 3 offer dual enrollment, which allows access to public school services, classes, materials, programs, and activities. Sport eligibility requirements apply. Dual enrollment cannot be used to enroll a CPI student in all but one course within the school district schedule. Dual enrollment also allows CPI students to access Senior Year Plus options. Course number limitations do not apply to concurrent enrollment courses.
- 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 public school standardized testing and/or fee-based public school driver education without dual enrollment.
- All 3 allow access to parent-taught driver education.

Differences

- **CHOICE #3: CPI with Reporting & Annual Assessment**
Annual assessment must be completed by May 31st, and the results must be filed at the school district by August 1st. Annual assessment begins at age 7 or the first year an older student begins CPI under the annual assessment option. Acceptable assessment tools are listed on our website. No specified number of instructional days are required.
- **CHOICE #4: CPI with Reporting & Private Supervision**
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. At least 148 days of instruction per school year (with 37 days per school quarter) is required.
- **CHOICE #5: CPI with No Reporting & HSAP Supervision**
Students must be enrolled in the public school HSAP, which will assign a HSAP supervising teacher. The teacher must meet with the parent and student 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 of instruction per school year (with 37 days per school quarter) is required. Home School Assistance Programs can set their own additional requirements.