



Homeschool Options in Iowa

A Side-by-Side Comparison Chart

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IOWA HOMESCHOOL OPTION	IPI <i>Independent Private Instruction</i>	CPI <i>Competent Private Instruction</i> Options			
		CPI with Opt-Out Reporting	CPI with Opt-In Reporting & Annual Assessment	CPI with Opt-In Reporting & Supervision by Your Private Teacher	CPI with Opt-In Reporting & Supervision by assigned HSAP Teacher
What does the Iowa Department of Education call this option?	<i>Independent Private Instruction (IPI)</i>	<i>CPI Option #2 Opt-Out (No) Reporting</i>	<i>CPI Option #2 Opt-In Reporting</i>	<i>CPI Option #1 Supervised by Privately Hired Licensed Teacher</i>	<i>CPI Option #1 Supervised by Public School HSAP Teacher</i>
Must CPI Form A be filed at the public school?	No	No	Yes, by September 1	Yes, by September 1	Yes, by September 1
For what age child is CPI Form A filing required?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Age 6-15, inclusive, with age determined on September 15	Age 6-15, inclusive, with age determined on September 15	Age 6-15, inclusive, with age determined on September 15
Besides CPI Form A (if required) are any other filings required?	CPI Form A filing is not required, but school can request, in writing, answers to 4 specific questions	No filings required	Yes, an annual assessment must be completed by May 31st & the results reported by August 1st	No	The school district can require additional information beyond that provided on CPI Form A
Is the teaching of specified subjects required by law?	Reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies	No	No	No	The school district can impose subject requirements
Can school request proof that subjects are being taught?	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	The school district can request proof subjects are taught
Are licensed teacher visits required?	No	No	No	Yes, 2 visits per quarter	Yes, 4 visits per quarter
Is annual assessment required?	No	No	Yes, "baseline" assessment results are submitted when the child is 7- or in 1st homeschool year, if child is older than 7. Baseline & subsequent annual assessment results are submitted to the school by August 1st	No	The school district can impose annual assessments.
What subjects must be assessed?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1st- 5th: reading, language arts, math 6th+: reading, language arts, math, science & social studies	Not applicable	The school district can determine this
What assessment tools can be used?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Standardized testing, portfolio assessment, OR a report from an accredited correspondence school	Not applicable	The school district can determine this



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Is there a minimal number of instructional days requirement?	No	No	No	Yes, a minimum of 148 days, with 37 days per school quarter	Yes, a minimum of 148 days, with 37 days per school quarter
Can public school classes, activities, and programs be accessed through dual enrollment?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dual enrollment is required in addition to HSAP enrollment)
Can Senior Year Plus options like PSEO be accessed through dual enrollment?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Dual enrollment is required in addition to HSAP enrollment)
Can no-cost community college concurrent enrollment classes be accessed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can public school driver education be accessed?	Yes, dual enrollment is not required	Yes, dual enrollment is not required	Yes, dual enrollment is not required	Yes, dual enrollment is not required	Yes, dual enrollment is not required
Can parent-taught driver education be accessed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can a child with special needs be taught without special permission or public school special needs services?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can public school special needs services be accessed, if desired?	No	No	Yes Dual enrollment is required	Yes Dual enrollment is required	Yes, Dual enrollment is required in addition to HSAP enrollment
Does the law specifically state that children not related to the instructor can be taught?	Yes, and the instructor can charge a fee for instructing non-related students	No	No	No	No