



Iowa HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS

A Summary & Comparison Chart



Options with no initial reporting and limited public school services

CHOICE #1 Independent Private Instruction or
CHOICE #2 Competent Private Instruction Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

Choice #1
IPI

Choice #2
CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

Similarities

- Both have no initial filing requirements and provide operational autonomy from the public school, if desired.
- Neither allow dual enrollment in 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 allow access to Parent Taught Driver Education.

Differences

- Home educators using the **CHOICE #1 IPI option** may instruct up to four unrelated students, but no payment may be received for the instruction. The instruction of unrelated students is not addressed under any of the CPI options, including **CHOICE #2 CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out**.
- **CHOICE #1 IPI option** requires instruction in 5 subjects: reading, language arts, mathematics, science, & social studies, and it does not require a specific minimal number of instructional days. **CHOICE #2 CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out**, requires no specific subjects and it does not require a specific minimal number of instructional days.
- **CHOICE #1 IPI option** parents are required to respond to a written mailed request from the Iowa Department of Education or the local school district superintendent for information about their IPI programs. *Visit our website for a form to use when responding to such a request.* **CHOICE #2 CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out** has no reporting requirements.

Options with reporting and access to public school services

CHOICE #3 Competent Private Instruction Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting
CHOICE #4 Competent Private Instruction Option 1 with Your Teacher
CHOICE #5 Competent Private Instruction Option 1 with HSAP Teacher

Choice #3
CPI Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

Choice #4
CPI Option 1 with Teacher You Select

Choice #5
CPI Option 1 with Teacher from HSAP

Similarities

- All 3 require the filing of CPI Report Form A with the school district by September 1st or within 2 weeks of moving into Iowa or removing a child from enrollment in an Iowa accredited school.
- All 3 offer optional dual enrollment, which allows access to public school services, activities, materials, and classes (including Senior Year Plus) as available at the school. Sport eligibility requirements apply. Dual-enrolled students must receive at least 1/4 of their instruction via Competent Private Instruction.
- 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 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 are required.
- **CHOICE #4: 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 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 Option 1 with Public School Home School Assistance Program [HSAP] Teacher:** 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. HSAPs can set their own additional requirements.