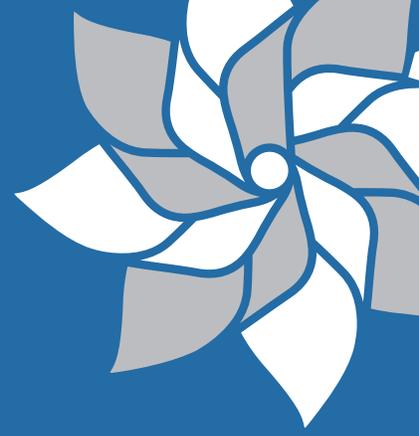


2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: HOME SCHOOL REGISTRATION



PCA Iowa asks the Iowa legislature to enact legislation to require parents wishing to educate their children through Private Instruction (Independent Private Instruction or Competent Private Instruction) to submit an annual notification of intent to home school to the superintendent of the school district of residence in Iowa Code Chapter 299A.

Iowa prides itself as a leader in education and a great place to raise a family. Iowans value a parent's right to determine the best educational setting for their children. Homeschooling can be a useful educational framework for Iowa children.

Many home school families collaborate with their local public school district to provide education supports for students and families as well as extra-curricular opportunities to participate in music, athletics, or other enrichment activities.

Risks of unregistered home schooled students

- Homeschooling can sometimes be used as a means to isolate, abuse, and neglect children, resulting in extreme trauma or even death.
- The 2012-2013 school year was the last time the Iowa Department of Education collected information about homeschool student populations. At that time 2.3% of Iowa school-aged children were homeschooled (10,732 students).

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Registration benefits children and parents

- An annual notification by parents of intent to home school creates opportunity for collaboration between home school families and their district of residence.
- Annual home-school registration with a local public school superintendent's office improves child protection for the more than 10,000 youth who are home schooled in Iowa.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa strengthens families for Iowa's future. We believe healthy, vibrant communities provide nurturing environments for kids. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa's statewide network provides expertise in child abuse prevention to create a stronger, healthier Iowa.