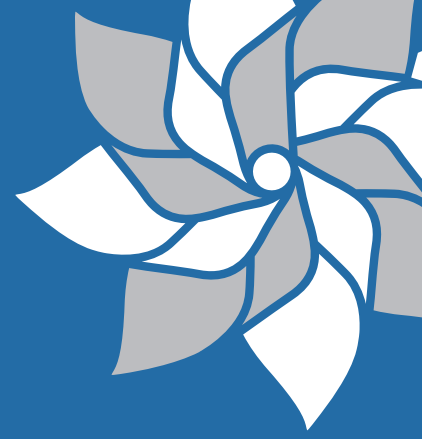


2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: HOME SCHOOL REGISTRATION



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 their local school district.

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 activities such as music or athletics.

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 of intent to home school creates opportunity for collaboration between home school families and their local school district.
- 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 empowers community prevention efforts to provide safe and happy childhoods through collaboration with diverse partners, leading to a better future for Iowa.