Homeschool Technical Assistance Based on 2024 Legislation and Rule Changes

Topic	Rule	Rule Interpretation
Concurrent enrollment for homeschool students	Chapter 22 22.16(2) A student under competent private instruction who meets the eligibility requirements in this rule and those in subparagraph 22.2(2)“b”(3) may apply to take courses under this division through the public school district in which the student is dually enrolled, provided that the resident school district does not offer a comparable course, and shall be allowed to take such courses on the same basis as a regularly enrolled student of the district.	Students who are homeschooled under CPI Option #1, CPI Option #2 and IPI are not limited to 75% of the school day. They may enroll in the same concurrent course load as students who are regularly enrolled. This expands the enrollment options for homeschool families using CPI by lifting the enrollment cap.
Change to limit of school day for dual enrollment	Chapter 31 Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment 31.5(4) A parent may not use dual enrollment to enroll a child in all courses but one. (ARC 8983C, IAB 3/5/25, effective 4/9/25)	Students who are dual enrolled may not dual enroll for all but one period of the day. Depending on the district’s schedule for a regular day, students may dual enroll for all but two periods. Example: if the district has an eight-period day, the student may dual enroll for six periods of the day or the equivalent of six periods of the day.
Privately retained licensed teacher, Homeschool Assistance Program (HSAP) teacher supervision roster load	Chapter 31 Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment 281—31.3(299,299A) Competent private instruction. 31.3(2) A licensed Iowa practitioner who is employed under this rule will not serve in that capacity on behalf of more than 25 families, or more than 50 children of compulsory attendance age, in an academic year unless the service is provided pursuant to the teacher’s employment with a nonaccredited nonpublic entity. A licensed practitioner may seek exemption from the above limitation by submitting a written request to the director of the department of education. Exemptions will be granted when the director is satisfied that the limitation will impose a substantial hardship on the person or the school providing instruction or instructional supervision and that the best interests of all children being served by the practitioner will continue to be met.	Persons with a current Iowa teaching license may support up to 25 families or 50 students, whichever comes first, in either a HSAP or as a privately retained teacher through a contract directly with a homeschool family and the licensed teacher. Districts seeking an extension of the number of students/families supported may complete the request in the Applications and Waivers folder in CASA. This may only be completed and submitted by the superintendent.
Annual Standardized Assessment - IPI	Chapter 31 Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment 31.4(7)(b) Rules of construction: The parent, guardian, or custodian of students who are receiving independent private instruction are responsible for the cost of an annual assessment if requested, through the local school district or AEA.	Students who are homeschooled under IPI may request to participate in an annual standardized assessment. The cost of the assessment is borne by the family of the student