

Homeschool Technical Assistance Based on 2026 Legislation

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| Independent Private Instruction (IPI) criteria | <p>Chapter 299A.1 Independent private instruction means private instruction that meets the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is not accredited. 2. Provides private or religious-based instruction as its primary purpose. 3. Provides students in all grade levels with instruction in mathematics, reading and language arts, science, and social studies. 4. Provides, upon written request from the superintendent of the school district in which the independent private instruction is provided, or from the director of the department of education, a report identifying the primary instructor, location, name of the authority responsible for the independent private instruction, and the names of the students receiving the instruction, who need not be related to the primary instructor. 5. Is not a nonpublic school and does not provide competent private instruction as defined in this subsection. 6. (6) Is exempt from all state statutes and administrative rules applicable to a school, a school board, or a school district, except as otherwise provided in chapter 299 and this chapter. | <p>Removed restriction on number of students who may be enrolled.</p> <p>Removed restriction on charging tuition.</p> |
| Diplomas and Transcripts | <p>Chapter 299A.13 Recognition of private instruction diplomas, final transcripts, and other written documentation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A student who completes a program of secondary education under competent private instruction or independent private instruction in accordance with this chapter shall be deemed to have completed a high school education. 2. The parent, guardian, legal custodian, or instructor responsible for providing the program of secondary education under competent private instruction or independent private instruction in accordance with this chapter may issue a diploma, final transcript, or other written documentation evidencing academic achievements and the completion of the program of secondary education. 3. A diploma, final transcript, or other written documentation issued pursuant to subsection 2 shall be accepted under the laws of this state in the same manner as a high school diploma, final transcript, or other written documentation issued by a school district or an accredited nonpublic school for all purposes, including but not limited to all of the following; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Admission to postsecondary education or training programs. b. Eligibility for employment. c. Qualification for occupational licensure, certification, or registrations. d. Access to state and local programs, benefits, and opportunities. e. Any other purpose under the laws of this state in which a high school diploma is a condition or a qualification. 4. The state, a political subdivision of the state, or any other person shall not deny or restrict any right, privilege, or benefit available to an individual solely because the individual's diploma, final transcript, or other written documentation was issued pursuant to subsection 2. 5. A student who completes a program of secondary education under competent private instruction or independent private instruction in accordance with this chapter shall not be required to obtain a high school equivalency diploma or other alternative credential. | <p>Parents may provide diplomas, transcripts, and other written documentation that will be accepted the same as those from a public school.</p> |

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| Verification of enrollment | <p>299A.14 The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child of compulsory attendance age shall have the authority to execute any document required by law to verify any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The placement of a child under competent private instruction or independent private instruction. 2. The child's full-time or part-time status in competent private instruction or independent private instruction. 3. The grades the child has obtained in competent private instruction or independent private instruction. 4. Any other required educational information. | Parents may provide educational information for their students. |