

# Private Instruction Comparison Chart

Table 1 compares the three private instruction options available to families, with each homeschooling option expanded on in the [Private Instruction Handbook's](#) frequently asked questions (FAQs) section. These options are:

- Competent Private Instruction by a Licensed Practitioner (Option 1);
- Competent Private Instruction by a Parent, Guardian, or Custodian (Option 2); and
- Independent Private Instruction.

Table 1. Comparison of Private Instruction Options.

Area (Iowa Code Citation)	Competent Private Instruction by a Licensed Practitioner (Option 1)	Competent Private Instruction by a Parent, Guardian, or Custodian (Option 2)	Independent Private Instruction
<b>Definition (299A.1(2)“a”-“b”)</b>	Private instruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided on a daily basis for at least 148 days during a school year,</li> <li>• To be met by attendance for at least 37 days each school quarter,</li> <li>• By or under the supervision of a licensed practitioner in the manner provided under <a href="#">section 299A.2</a>,</li> <li>• Which results in the student making adequate progress (see #3 of the FAQs for the definition of adequate progress).</li> </ul>	Private instruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided by a parent, guardian, or custodian under <a href="#">section 299A.3</a>,</li> <li>• Which results in the student making adequate progress (see #3 of the FAQs).</li> </ul>	Private instruction that meets the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not accredited;</li> <li>• Enrolls no more than four unrelated students;</li> <li>• Does not charge tuition, fees, or other remuneration for instruction;</li> <li>• Its primary purpose is to provide private or religious-based instruction;</li> <li>• Provides enrolled students instruction in math, reading and language arts, science, and social studies;</li> <li>• Provides a report on request;</li> <li>• Is not a nonpublic school and does not provide CPI; and</li> <li>• Is exempt from all applicable state laws and rules except for those in <a href="#">chapters 299 (Compulsory education)</a> and <a href="#">299A (Private instruction)</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Compulsory Attendance &amp; Truancy (299.1 &amp; 299.8)</b>	The option meets compulsory attendance and truancy laws.	The option meets compulsory attendance and truancy laws.	The option meets compulsory attendance and truancy laws.

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<p><b>Reporting</b> (299.4, 299A.1(2)“b”(6), &amp; 299A.3)</p>	<p>The parent, guardian, or custodian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Must</i> submit Form A to the district by September 1 of the year of enrollment.</li> <li>• <i>Must</i> provide proof of academic eligibility if dually enrolled for certain activities.</li> </ul>	<p>The parent, guardian, or custodian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>May (must, if dually enrolled)</i> submit Form A to the district by September 1 of the year of enrollment.</li> <li>• <i>Must, if dually enrolled,</i> provide evidence of adequate annual progress (see the <a href="#">CPI Annual Evaluation Flowchart</a>).</li> </ul>	<p>The parent, guardian, or custodian <i>may</i> provide, <i>upon written request</i> from their resident district’s superintendent or the Department’s director, a report identifying the primary instructor, location, name of the authority responsible for the IPI, and names of the enrolled students.</p>
<p><b>Immunizations and Health Screening</b> (135.105D &amp; 139A.8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parent, guardian, or custodian <i>must</i> attach to Form A evidence of immunizations or a notarized exemption during the first year.</li> <li>• The student <i>must</i> have a blood lead test.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parent, guardian, or custodian <i>may (must, if dually enrolled)</i> attach to Form A evidence of immunizations or a notarized exemption for the first year.</li> <li>• The student <i>must</i> have a blood lead test.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parent, guardian, or custodian is <i>not required</i> to provide proof of immunization or a notarized exemption.</li> <li>• The student is <i>not required</i> to have a blood lead test.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluations for Adequate Annual Progress</b> (299.4, 299A.1(2)“b” &amp; 299A.4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The supervising teacher <i>must</i> monitor the student for adequate annual progress.</li> <li>• The district or area education agency (AEA) <i>must</i> provide access to one courtesy standardized assessment at no cost and without requiring dual enrollment.</li> <li>• The HSAP <i>may</i> require assessment as a condition of enrollment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student <i>must</i> be evaluated annually and report results to the district by August 1 of the year of instruction.</li> <li>• The district or AEA <i>must</i> provide access to one courtesy standardized assessment at no cost and without requiring dual enrollment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student is <i>not required</i> to be annually evaluated or to report results to the district.</li> <li>• The district <i>must</i> provide a courtesy standardized assessment at no cost if the parent, guardian, or custodian requests it and provides the district with sufficient advance notice.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dual Enrollment</b> (299A.8)</p>	<p>The student <i>may</i> dual enroll in the district for academics, special education, and/or extracurricular activities (e.g., athletics). If dually enrolled, the student <i>must</i> file Form A with the district.</p>	<p>The student <i>may</i> dual enroll in the district for academics, special education, and/or extracurricular activities (e.g., athletics). If dually enrolled, the student <i>must</i> file Form A with the district.</p>	<p>The student <i>cannot</i> dual enroll in the district for academics, special education, or extracurricular activities (e.g., athletics).</p>

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<b>Senior Year Plus</b> (261E)	The student <i>may</i> dual enroll in the district for Senior Year Plus programming. If dually enrolled, the student <i>must</i> submit Form A to the district by September 1 of the year of enrollment.	The student <i>may</i> dual enroll in the district for Senior Year Plus programming. If dually enrolled, the student <i>must</i> submit Form A to the district by September 1 of the year of enrollment.	The student <i>may</i> only access concurrent enrollment courses in community colleges under <a href="#">Iowa Code section 261E.8</a> . No other options are available.
<b>Access to Iowa e-Learning Central</b>	The student <i>may</i> dual enroll in the district to access <a href="#">Iowa e-Learning Central's</a> high-quality, standards-aligned course content and resources.	The student <i>may</i> dual enroll in the district to access <a href="#">Iowa e-Learning Central's</a> high-quality, standards-aligned course content and resources.	The student <i>cannot</i> access the Iowa e-Learning Central course content and resources.
<b>Driver's Education</b> (321.178)	The district <i>must</i> offer or make driver's education available. Dual enrollment is <i>not required</i> .	The district <i>must</i> offer or make driver's education available. Dual enrollment is <i>not required</i> .	The district <i>must</i> offer or make driver's education available. Dual enrollment is <i>not required</i> .