

Home School Assistance Program

For the Bettendorf, Calamus-Wheatland, Central DeWitt, Delwood, Maquoketa, North Scott, Northeast, Pleasant Valley, and Wilton School Districts

Why a Home School Assistance Program?

The Home School Assistance Program offers assistance to parents/guardians who choose to teach their children at home. Parents/guardians are directly responsible for planning curriculum and teaching their children. They are free to incorporate their own values and philosophy of education. The Home School Assistance Program (HSAP) can help families by offering curriculum resources, AEA Media Center resources, support & guidance from a certified supervising teacher, plus much more.

What does it cost?

There is no charge to participate.

What are the requirements to participate?

- A resident of the Bettendorf, Calamus-Wheatland, Central DeWitt, Delwood, Maquoketa, North Scott, Northeast, Pleasant Valley, or Wilton School Districts.
- 16 contacts with the supervising teacher (8 face to face, 8 non-face to face) per year. The Department of Education requires: *"The teacher practitioner shall have contact with the child and the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian at least four times per quarter during the period of instruction. One of every two contacts shall be face to face with the student under competent private instruction."* Iowa Law, Chapter 281 31.3
- Submit a Form A and curriculum outline for each child enrolled (Required for CPI Option 1). Parents/guardians list the subjects to be covered along with titles and publishers of texts being used. This plan may be modified throughout the year. Curriculum outlines are due with a copy of your Form A and HSAP enrollment forms to the HSAP office no later than September 1st of the current school year.

What are the benefits of participation?

- The Home School Assistance Program will purchase \$100 worth of curriculum materials to support/enhance the home school curriculum.
- Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing at the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency.
- Support and guidance from a certified supervising teacher.
- Access to the Mississippi Bend AEA's Media Center, which includes teaching resources, educational video and DVD library, student books, and online learning databases.
- Group activities, educational outings, classes, access to the HSAP Lending Library, and more.

How do I enroll in the Home School Assistance Program?

Contact Student Program Consultants Denise Tatoiian, 563-344-6323 dtatoiian@mbaea.org or Sara Lindner, 563-344-6579 slindner@mbaea.org in the HSAP office at the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency. You must register and complete all forms for HSAP enrollment. Enrollment deadline is September 1st of the current school year.

Is this the same as dual enrollment?

No. Dual enrollment is when you enroll in your district's public school to participate in special education, academic, or extracurricular activities. You may enroll in a HSAP and dual enroll, but enrolling in the HSAP does not automatically dual enroll your student. To dual enroll in your school district contact your district's administration office.