

HOME SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Waterloo Schools Home School Assistance Program (HSAP) is an option for competent private instruction (CPI), home schooling parents. The request for HSAP is made at the time of application for CPI. Details regarding the program can be found at educateiowa.gov.

The Waterloo Schools Home School Assistance Program provides a combination of services to home schooling families. This cooperative option of the Home School Assistance Program through the public schools was made available as a result of the Iowa Home School Law passed in 1991.

Under Iowa Law, the parent is considered to be the primary educator of their child(ren). In this capacity the parent is ultimately responsible for setting the educational goals for their family and for selecting the materials and methods to reach those goals.

The mission of the Waterloo Schools HSAP is to support and assist parents in their chosen role as the primary educator of their child(ren).

Each family enrolling in the Waterloo Schools HSAP is assigned a certified teacher to provide assistance and guidance. The law requires 16 contacts between the teacher and the student under competent private instruction during the course of the year. (4 each quarter- with at least two being face-to-face)

During these contacts, the teacher is available to consult with and advise the parent with respect to the following:

- Lesson plans
- Textbook and supplementary materials
- Setting educational goals and objectives
- Teaching and learning techniques
- Forms of assessment and evaluation of student learning
- Diagnosing student strengths and weaknesses
- Interpretation of test results
- Planning
- Recordkeeping

The certified teacher will also:

1. Provide formal and informal assessments of the student's progress to the student and the student's parent, guardian or legal custodian.
2. Maintain a diary, record, or log of visitations and the assistance provided.
3. Consult with the district if they believe the student may be in need of special education services.

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