

Series 600 – Educational Program

Policy Title: COMPETENT PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Policy Code No. 602.24

In the event a child of compulsory attendance age, over age six and under age sixteen, does not attend public school or an accredited nonpublic school the child must receive competent private instruction.

A parent/guardian choosing competent private instruction for a student must notify the school district prior to the first day of school on forms provided by the school district. The forms are available in the central administration office. One copy of the completed forms will be kept by the school district and another copy will be forwarded to the area education agency.

The superintendent or designee will determine whether the completed form is in compliance with the law. Specifically, the superintendent or designee will determine whether the individual providing the instruction is either the student's parent/guardian or an Iowa licensed practitioner; whether the licensed practitioner's license is appropriate for the age and grade level of the student; if the student is being instructed a minimum of one hundred and forty-eight days per year; that immunization evidence is provided for students placed under competent private instruction for the first time, and that the competent private instruction report is filed with the resident district in a timely manner.

The school district shall report noncompliance with the reporting, immunization, attendance, instructor qualifications, and assessment requirements of the compulsory attendance law to the county attorney of the county of residence of the student's parent/guardian.

Students receiving competent private instruction are eligible to request open enrollment to another school district. Prior to the request for open enrollment, the student shall request dual enrollment in the resident district. The receiving district shall not bill the resident district unless the receiving district complies with the reporting requirements. If the parent/guardian fails to comply with the compulsory attendance requirements, the receiving district shall notify the resident district. The resident district shall then report the noncompliance to the county attorney of the county of residence of the parent/guardian.

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