



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 assists parents/guardians who teach their children at home. Parents/guardians are directly responsible for planning curriculum and teaching their children. They are free to incorporate their 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 licensed supervising teacher, plus much more.

What does it cost?

There is no charge to participate. Funding is provided to districts by the Iowa Department of Education. It is an optional program for all districts in Iowa. Nine districts have contracted with MBAEA to manage their HSAP.

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 In Person, 8 Other) 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."*
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 by **September 1st** of the current school year.

What are the benefits of participation?

- Support and guidance from a licensed supervising teacher.
- Families may check out iPads from MBAEA HSAP.
- Access to the K-12 AEA Digital Resources available through [MBAEA OneClick](#).
- Group activities, educational outings, classes, access to curriculum through the HSAP Lending Library, and more.

How do I enroll in the Home School Assistance Program?

Contact Student Program Consultant Sara Lindner, 563-344-6579 or 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. Both your district and MBAEA must have copies of your Form A.

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.