

2024 Primary Candidate Survey



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With so much at stake regarding educational freedom and parental rights, IAHE Action sent out its first ever primary candidate survey.

IAHE Actions's **2024 Primary Candidate Survey** was sent to all candidates registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.

Quotes Worth Highlighting

-I wholeheartedly support Homeschooling and believe they provided excellent educational outcome! I have had several friends who homeschooled and I was very impressed with how their children were able to interact with adults and performed academically 2-3 years ahead of their peers.

-Lonnie Powell

As State Representative, I have been an advocate for homeschooler rights and vote accordingly. I appreciate very much our homeschool communities in my district and across the state. Thank you!

-Ryan Lauer

As a product of school choice, I know firsthand the benefits of education freedom. I will be a leading voice at the Statehouse for universal school choice and parents' rights.

-Andrew Ireland

I believe that common schooling (public schools supported by taxpayer funding and responsible to an elected board) is essential for democracy.

-Carl Seese

I support parents' right to education freedom.

-Suzanne Crouch

Regarding the question of should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public schools:

“No, so long as the parents are actually using the money on the children. I do believe there should be some form of accountability to protect the children from being used as an income source for parents, much like what happens sometimes in the welfare system.”

-Brian Savilla

“I don't think home schoolers should be limited in their ability to learn based on standardized testing”

-Hugh Doty

The following report includes the responses submitted by each candidate. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order, grouped by the office they are seeking: Indiana House of Representatives, Indiana Senate, Governor, United States House of Representatives, and United States Senate, and President of the United States.

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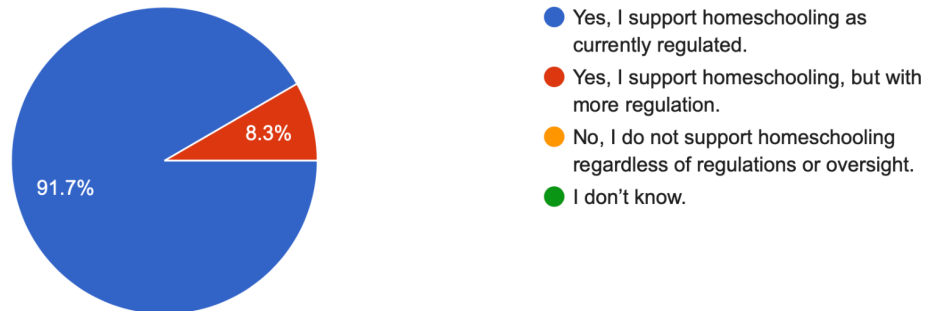
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SURVEY SNAPSHOTS

- ★ 91.7% of candidates who completed the survey support homeschooling as it is currently defined.

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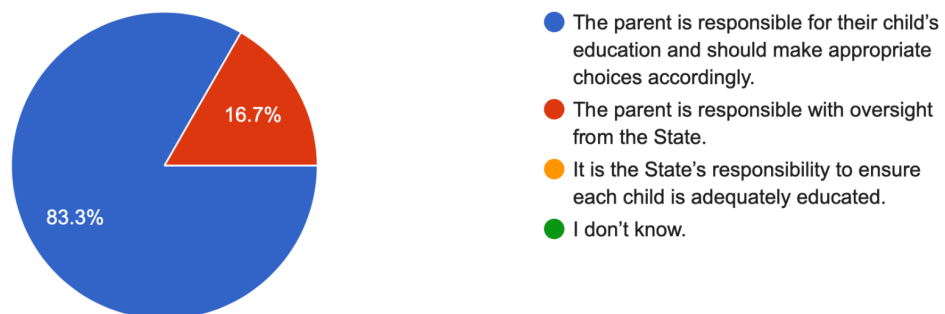
24 responses



- ★ 16.7% of candidates who completed the survey believe it is the State's responsibility to oversee the education of the child. The vast majority believe it is the parent who is responsible for educating their child and making appropriate choices for their children.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

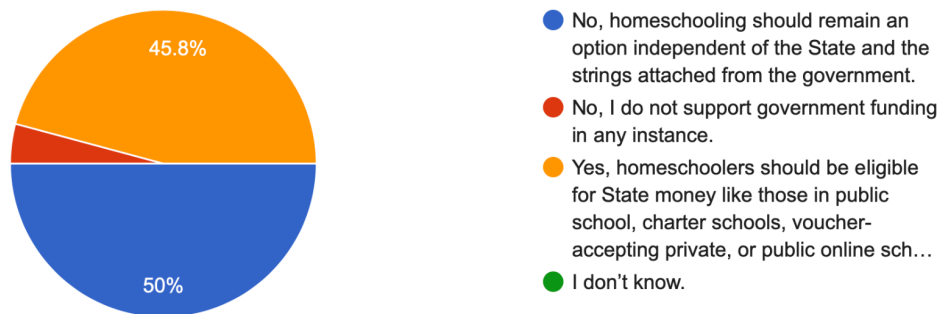
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- ★ 45.8% of candidates support government funding for homeschoolers including the strings that come with government funding. 54.2% do not support government funding.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

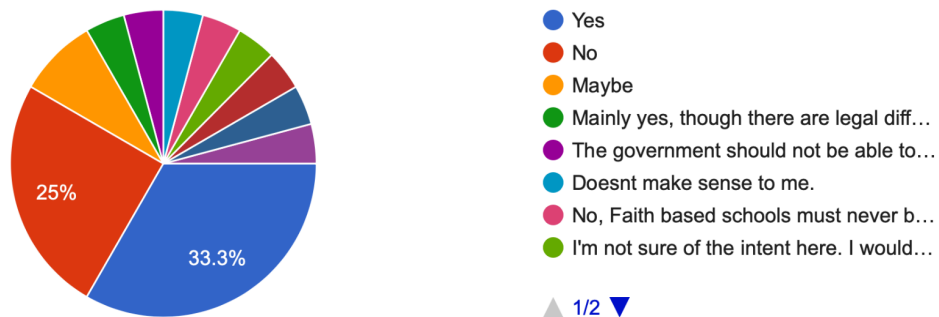
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- ★ 54.2% of candidates believe students receiving state funding should follow to some extent the same laws as public education.

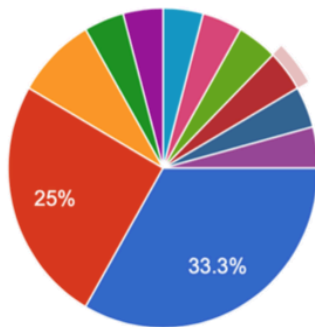
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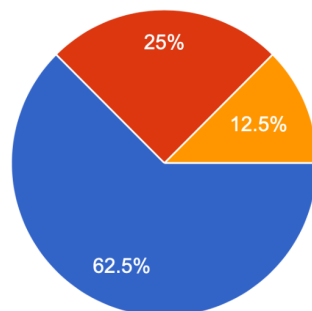
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★ 62.5% of candidates believe parents and guardians of students receiving state funding should be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress. 12.5% are undecided.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

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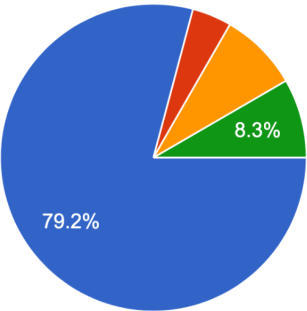


- Yes
- No
- Maybe

★ 12.5% of candidates support homeschool registration. 8.3% are undecided.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

24 responses



- No, parents are responsible for educating their children. Those who choose to educate their children witho...
- Yes, the State is responsible for educating children and should hold parents accountable.
- Yes, parents should be involved in their children's education, but the State has an interest in knowing what parents ar...
- I don't know.

INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

James Baker [Republican], Clark Co, District 66

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

No

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

No

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

No, parents are responsible for educating their children. Those who choose to educate their children without government money should be respected by the State.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I have a child we homeschooled many years ago and now have grandchildren who are being homeschooled. I also believe homeschoolers should be allowed to participate in public school sponsored activities such as music and sports.

Joseph Batic [Republican], Hendricks Co, District 28

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

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Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

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It depends on who is providing the education and where it is taking place.

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12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

Parental choice is best for our children

Joseph Bortka [Republican], Marion Co, District 100

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

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I homeschooled for many years growing up and intend to homeschool my own children. I coached a Homeschool XC team for a season in Salem, IN and we fought the school board to try to get the homeschool kids allowed to be a part of the local public school sports (unfortunately we failed).

I testified on SB 255 this year, I saw your president testify on the bill as well. I am in favor of providing access to equivalent funds for any parent who chooses to accept them, but I am sensitive to the fact that this is how government programs often sneak their way into future mandates and coercion upon whoever is getting the money. I am as a rule suspicious of government money in anything, nonetheless I am supportive of ESA programs because I think once we get them on an equivalent funding level as public schools, the current public schooling system will fall apart, and I think this will make way for other much better alternatives. I will assure that any such bill will have language that protects homeschoolers rights to not take the funding if they wish.

I of course strongly support the parents' rights to direct their child's upbringing and education.

Becky Cash [Republican], Boone Co, District 25

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

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Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

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No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

This depends. Private schools do not always have to follow the same policies as public schools even though they may receive some state funding. This has to do with multiple issues including the fact that private schools could be rather small and not able to hire the same staffing. However academic standards should be minimally the same and in most cases private schools have higher academic standards.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Maybe

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I answered maybe to the question regarding whether or not parents receiving state funding should have to answer to the taxpayers because you didn't give me any other option other than yes, no, maybe. I do think this depends on the situation. I do think that the general assembly and the state need to know where money, that we are allocating, is going. What that looks like maybe different depending on the school environment. For example, I certainly don't think that a child and a private school or who is an ESA student should have to take the same standardized tests based on what school district they go to. Western Boone is now making their high school juniors take four standardized tests a year. Not only should their public school students not have to do that but I definitely don't think that any other student should have to do that. While I do think that we need to know where the money is going, this is a slippery slope. And I am a parental rights, parent control person unless a child is being abused.

Matt Hostettler [Republican], Gibson Co, District 64

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

I don't know.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

My wife and I homeschool our four children.

Andrew Ireland [Republican], Marion Co, District 90

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

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As a product of school choice, I know firsthand the benefits of education freedom. I will be a leading voice at the Statehouse for universal school choice and parents' rights.

Ryan Lauer [Republican], Bartholomew Co, District 59

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

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No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

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5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Mainly yes, though there are legal differences between school corporations and private schools

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

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Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

As State Representative, I have been an advocate for homeschooler rights and vote accordingly. I appreciate very much our homeschool communities in my district and across the state. Thank you!

Ethan Lawson [Republican], Hancock Co, District 53

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

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No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

I'm not sure of the intent here. I would say no. I oppose adding any new regulations or state oversight of homeschooling.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

No

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

No, nonpublic, nonaccredited diplomas are already recognized. There is no need to codify their recognition.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I'm running in the open seat Republican Primary for Indiana House District 53, including parts of Hancock and Madison counties. I'm a Christian, a conservative and a homeschool graduate (all the way through school) and my family was part of HSLDA and IAHE membership during that time. I'm a strong supporter of homeschooling, school choice, and empowering parents to guide their child's education and upbringing. On questions 6 and 11, I indicated "no" because my high school diploma and transcript were recognized by higher education institutions, etc. and I don't want any state control over homeschool curriculum or diplomas.

Gregory LeMaster [Republican], Jay Co, District 33

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.

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Maybe

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

Not usually, but there may be instances when it may be needed.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

I don't know.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

I don't know.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I am supportive but also concerned about whether some parents are serious about it. We have enough poorly educated kids coming from public schools.

Kevin Mandrell [Republican], Hancock Co, District 53

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12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I have 4 grandchildren that are currently being homeschooled.

James McClure, Jr. [Republican], Clark Co, District 71

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Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law..

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

No, parents are responsible for educating their children. Those who choose to educate their children without government money should be respected by the State.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

My wife and I homeschooled all four of our children.

Brian Savilla [Republican], Jackson, District 69

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

No, so long as the parents are actually using the money on the children. I do believe there should be some form of accountability to protect the children from being used as an income source for parents, much like what happens sometimes in the welfare system.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

No

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

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Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I believe in the free market, whether it be business or education. Competition in education makes the system better for all parties involved, regardless of what education pathway they so choose. I also believe that the government should not be the end all, be all of education or anything else. The workforce and society itself will be the determining factors as to which education style or system is producing the best young adults. Lastly, I say this all as a public school teacher myself. I will never put my career ahead of what is best for the children, nor wish to take away the rights of parents.

Carl Seese [Democratic], Carroll Co, District 38

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, I do not support government funding in any instance.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

Yes, it is reasonable for the school to ensure parents are providing instruction in writing even though it is not required.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

Yes, parents should be involved in their children's education, but the State has an interest in knowing what parents are doing to educate their children.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

No, homeschool families have chosen to withdraw from the public school system and should remain separate in all circumstances.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

No, the only officially recognized diplomas are those issued by public schools or State approved programs.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I believe that common schooling (public schools supported by taxpayer funding and responsible to an elected board) is essential for democracy.

Walter Sorg, Jr. [Democratic], Dekalb, District 52

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

Yes, the State is responsible for educating children and should hold parents accountable.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

No

INDIANA STATE SENATE

Jay Hart [Republican], Morgan, District 37

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

No, Faith based schools must never be forced to surrender values.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

No, parents are responsible for educating their children. Those who choose to educate their children without government money should be respected by the State.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

GOVERNOR

Suzanne Crouch [Republican], Vanderburgh

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

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10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

No, homeschool families have chosen to withdraw from the public school system and should remain separate in all circumstances.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

No, the only officially recognized diplomas are those issued by public schools or State approved programs.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I support parents' right to education freedom.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Charles Bookwalter [Republican], Boone, Fourth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

I don't know.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Doesnt make sense to me.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

No, parents are responsible for educating their children. Those who choose to educate their children without government money should be respected by the State.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

No, nonpublic, nonaccredited diplomas are already recognized. There is no need to codify their recognition.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

Thanks for all you do!

Philip Davis [Republican], Marion, Seventh District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

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10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

Homeschooling is an intensely private decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. If a parent decides to homeschool, taxpayer dollars earmarked for that student should follow them in the form of reimbursement for books and supplies. My grandchildren are homeschooled, and my basic knowledge of homeschooling says Indiana does an okay job in acknowledging homeschooling. As a congressman, I would support eliminating the Department of Education, which has never educated a single individual. Education is a state and local decision. I don't believe local government should encourage or discourage homeschooling, but rather should work with homeschoolers to make sure homeschooled students have the same opportunities as those in public or private schools. But, as a believer in local control of education, that would be up to the citizens and their local government representatives more so than their federal government officials.

Hugh Doty [Republican], Clark, Ninth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

I don't think home schoolers should be limited in their ability to learn based on standardized testing

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Maybe

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

I don't know.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

No, homeschool families have chosen to withdraw from the public school system and should remain separate in all circumstances.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

I don't know.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

It's hard to answer some of these questions how they are written some need more explanation

Derrick Holder [Democratic], Morgan, Fourth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

Yes, parents should be involved in their children's education, but the State has an interest in knowing what parents are doing to educate their children.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, but only if the students submit to standardized testing and assessment.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

No, nonpublic, nonaccredited diplomas are already recognized. There is no need to codify their recognition.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

No

Mark Hurt [Republican], Howard, Fifth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

9. Do you support state-mandated registration for homeschool students?

No, parents are responsible for educating their children. Those who choose to educate their children without government money should be respected by the State.

10. Do you support homeschool participation in public school extracurricular activities such as band, art, or athletics?

Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

Home schooling is a great option for many families and growing in popularity after COVID and the emergence of woke movements within some public education districts.

Lonnie Powell [Republican], Hamilton, Fifth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online schools.

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Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

The government should not be able to regulate or control if religious education is part of Home School curriculum.

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Maybe

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

No. It is never appropriate to threaten parents who choose to homeschool with disciplinary action when they are following the law.

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

I wholeheartedly support Homeschooling and believe they provided excellent educational outcome! I have had several friends who homeschooled and I was very impressed with how their children were able to interact with adults and performed academically 2-3 years ahead of their peers.

Jeff Raatz [Republican], Wayne, Sixth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

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No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

No

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

I don't know.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

Michael Talarzyk [Democrat], Vanderburgh, Eighth District

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

2. With whom does the responsibility of educating a child lie?

The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.

4. Are you familiar with the difference between homeschooling and education provided by virtual public schools?

Yes, homeschooling is parent-directed, parent-funded and home-based, whereas virtual public schools are state certified teacher or adjunct teacher directed and tax-payer funded.

5. Would you consider a student who is utilizing tax-payer money a homeschooler?

It depends on who is providing the education and where it is taking place.

6. Should education funded by tax-payer dollars follow the same laws as public education?

Yes

7. Should parents and guardians receiving state education funding be held accountable to the tax-payers for their student's academic progress?

Yes

8. Is it ever appropriate to threaten parents transferring a child from public school to homeschool with a truancy charge or further action when a withdraw form or reporting enrollment is not legislatively mandated?

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Yes, but only if the students submit to standardized testing and assessment.

11. Would you support a bill that would officially recognize Indiana diplomas from nonpublic, nonaccredited schools?

Yes, I would support officially codifying current practices towards recognizing nonpublic and nonaccredited diplomas.

12. Is there anything further you'd like us to know about your stance on homeschooling?

No