

2026 Primary Candidate Survey



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IAHE Actions's **2026 Primary Candidate Survey** was sent to all candidates registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.

Quotes Worth Highlighting

-It's an honor to serve our neighbors as the State Representative for Indiana House District 53, including parts of Hancock and Madison counties. I'm a Christian, husband, conservative, Republican and 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. I was glad to be a coauthor of HEA 1348, a 2025 Indiana law that protects non accredited nonpublic school and homeschool diplomas from discrimination.

-Ethan Lawson

-We live together as a society, a civilization. What makes our civilization strong is people helping others to prosper together. A civilization with an imbalanced prosperity will collapse. Education is a fundamental resource a civilization shall offer its children. I feel that every adult in a civilization has a responsibility to be a mature parent for any child regardless of direct responsibility or not.

When it comes to homeschooling, the official parents of the child have a responsibility and duty for raising said child to be able to survive in our civilization. In addition to helping each other, our civilization must be able to respect the rights of its people. If the parents choose to home school, the civilization must grant room to respect said wishes. In that statement, we are in an affordability crisis, and I expect some parents who wish to home school don't have all the resources or capabilities to home school. In such cases, I do support a hybrid solution for education, but at the same time, I need to ensure said option is not abused. Some parents may not know they need help. Further, I am open to permitting students to participate in extracurricular activities. I support funding the local school system to offer assistance to home schooling, but public funds need to operate within public rules. This is responsible governance.

My primary concern with home schooling is abuse. Some of the reasons I know for parents choosing home schooling is conspiracy theorists and keeping the child imprisoned to minimize the risk of the child telling concerned adults about mistreatment. I love science and knowledge, and knowledge should be allowed to all. Further, children need to discover their own religion. Religion is not about believing how the world is made or believing gods exists. Religion is the rules to live in said world and how to work with the gods. I understand many parents are concerned about their children's well being, but we all get caught up in the moment about protecting the child from an array of physical and mental injuries that we forget to teach the child how to face these risks once they are an adult. As such, the responsibility of raising our children is shared between the assigned parents and the civilization (government). We must accept some risk. We cannot allow children to disappear due to respecting the choice of home schooling. Further, we need to work together, understand the damages we are causing to others, and allow people to speak their concerns along with others to prove themselves. Personally, I don't respect authority. Leaders must earn and prove respect. That certificate a professional possesses does not make that professional an authority but instead means that professional can explain his actions.

-Adam Mann

-I believe homeschooling can be a viable alternative to regular schooling and I unconditionally support parents rights to teaching their children how they see fit, HOWEVER. A child's knowledge needs to grow at a rate that many parents are not prepared to handle. Public schooling is "it takes a village" to it's logical maximum. Often times regular parents struggle with just understanding their children's math homework, much less teaching it from the ground up along with a multitude of other subjects at once.

Coupled with the idea that many homeschooling parents do so for religious reasons, and tax dollars should not be used for that, if parents want to utilize taxpayer dollars, they should be sending their kids to where public money is best utilized. Public schools.

-Sarah Shydale

-In my 16-year State Legislative history I always supported home schooling.

-Mark Messmer

-I have always supported the fundamental concept that money follows the child and parents should always be in control of their children's education.

-John Rucklehaus

-I homeschooled my daughter for 3 years. This was the best choice for her and helped her to love learning again. I loved our homeschool co-op. Families should always have choices. As a former middle school English teacher and now a college professor in a School of Education at a local university, I'm very supportive of homeschooling as an option. I think the tax credit for homeschooling curriculum is fair.

-Sally Busby

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, United States House of Representatives, and United States Senate.

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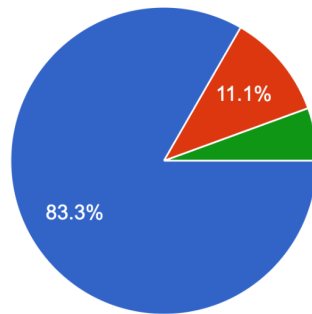
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SURVEY SNAPSHOTS

★ 83.3% who completed the survey support homeschooling as it is currently defined.

1. Do you support homeschooling ?

18 responses

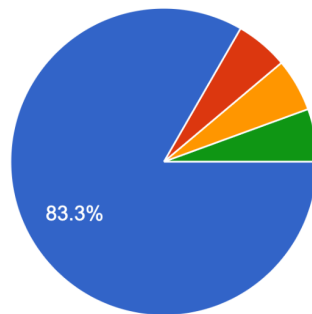


- Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.
- Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.
- No, I do not support homeschooling regardless of regulations or oversight.
- I don't know.

★ 83.3% of respondents believe parents are responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

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

18 responses

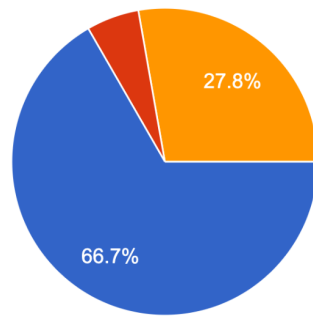


- The parent is responsible for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.
- The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.
- It is the State's responsibility to ensure each child is adequately educated.
- I don't know.

★ 27.8% of candidates support government funding for homeschoolers including the strings that come with government funding. 66.7% do not support government funding.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

18 responses

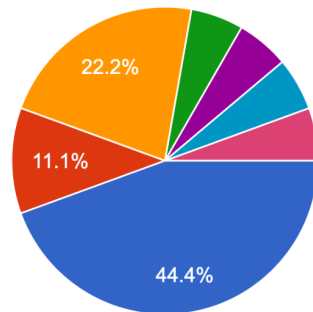


- No, homeschooling should remain an option independent of the State and the strings attached from the government.
- No, I do not support government funding in any instance.
- Yes, homeschoolers should be eligible for State money like those in public school, charter schools, voucher-accepting private, or public online sch...
- I don't know.

★ 44.4% of candidates believe students receiving state funding should follow to some extent the same laws as public education.

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

18 responses

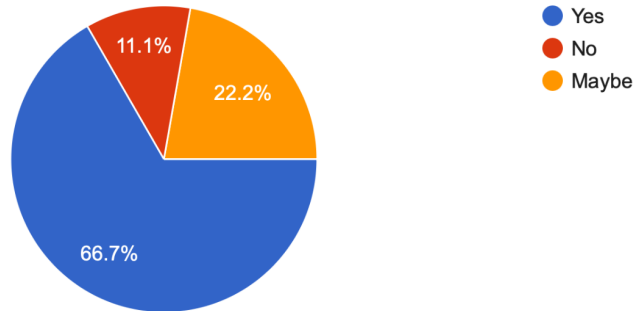


- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Need more information.
- They should meet the same criteria and be required to take the same state ma...
- I'm not sure of the intent here, so I would say no. I oppose adding any ne...
- Certain laws should be followed when public dollars are involved

★ 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. 22.2% are undecided.

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

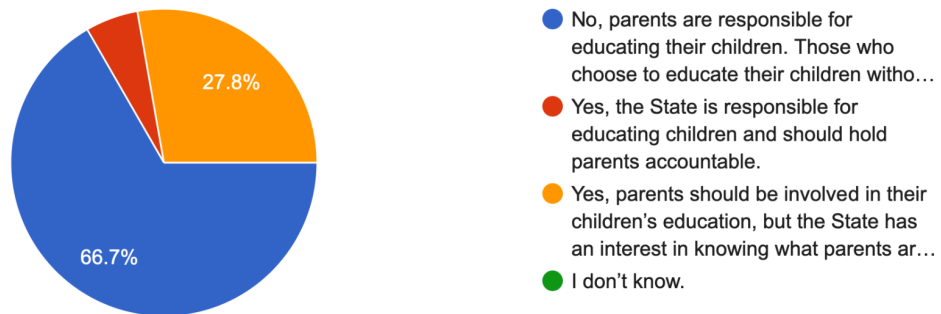
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★ 33.3% of respondents support homeschool registration. This is up from 12.5% of candidates surveyed in our 2024 Primary Candidate Survey

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

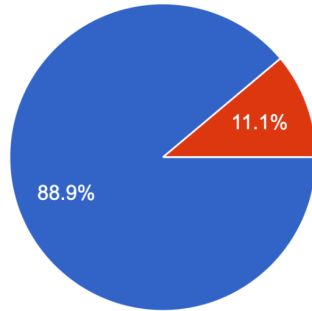
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★ 88.9% of those surveyed would support a bill allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school

11. Would you support a bill allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

18 responses



- Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.
- No, nonpublic nonaccredited school students should not have access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.
- I don't know.

INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sally Busby [Democratic], Vanderburgh Co, District 78

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?

Maybe

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

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

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Magdalaine Davis [Republican], Tippecanoe Co, District 26

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

I was homeschooled and did online school for a little growing up. Those were the best years of my upbringing.

Scott Fluhr [Republican], Harrison Co, District 70

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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One of my best friends was homeschooled and she is one of the smartest people I know, so I believe in the effectiveness of homeschooling.

Adam Mann [Democratic], Dubois Co, District 63

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I don't know.

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

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Becky Cash [Republican], Boone Co, District 25

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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, 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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Jack Chance [Democrat], Howard Co, District 30

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

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Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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No

Greg Knott [Republican], Morgan Co, District 57

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I support education savings accounts like those empowering Arizona families

Ethan Lawson [Republican], Hancock Co, District 53

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

I'm not sure of the intent here, so I would say no. I oppose adding any new restrictions or regulations to homeschools.

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

No

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Austin Meives [Democratic], Miami Co, District 23

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Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.

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It is the State's responsibility to ensure each child is adequately educated.

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No, I didn't realize the difference, nor does it matter. Both categories should be held accountable to the State.

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

I was in public school from 1-7th grade and homeschooled 8th -12th. While I was self motivated in my education, my parents weren't equipped to teach one child let alone 4, also I missed out on a lot of social interaction with people my own age at a key development point in my life.

While i understand some families are better equipped, the state should be testing amd doing regular checks, just like any other school would be testing kids, and this is for the benefit of the kid so they aren't forgotten or abused away from mandated reporters.

I support funding our schools better and making sure future generations actually

learn and are prepared to be adults,

Eve Peters [Republican], Noble Co, District 52

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?

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

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

Other: They should meet the same criteria and be required to take the same state mandated assessments.

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 allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

I have a very broad view as I am a public school teacher whose own children attended catholic school, whose son is home schooling their children.

John Reed [Republican], Johnson Co, District 58

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?

Yes, all education tax dollars should follow the child.

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

Maybe

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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11. Would you support a bill allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

I currently would allow for homeschoolers to access the voucher program in certain cases. However, I would not want Indiana to increase its regulation of homeschoolers. Right now Indiana is a great state for homeschooling. It needs to stay that way.

My wife and I were both homeschooled and are homeschooling our children. Our homeschooling background provided us both with fantastic academic preparation. I hold an earned doctorate, and my wife has been successful in her collegiate pursuits. I want to see this liberty to homeschool utilized by any parent in Indiana who feels that they are equipped to do it.

Sarah Shydale [Democratic], Marion, District 97

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?

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?

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

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?

I don't know

11. Would you support a bill allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

I believe homeschooling can be a viable alternative to regular schooling and I unconditionally support parents rights to teaching their children how they see fit, HOWEVER. A child's knowledge needs to grow at a rate that many parents are not prepared to handle. Public schooling is "it takes a village" to it's logical maximum. Often times regular parents struggle with just understanding their children's math homework, much less teaching it from the ground up along with a multitude of other subjects at once.

Coupled with the idea that many homeschooling parents do so for religious reasons, and tax dollars should not be used for that, if parents want to utilize taxpayer dollars, they should be sending their kids to where public money is best utilized. Public schools.

Jake Teshka [Republican], Saint Joseph, District 7

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?

Other: Certain laws should be followed when public dollars are involved

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?

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 allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

N/A

INDIANA STATE SENATE

Scott Alexander [Republican], Delaware Co, District 26

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?

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Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

No

Trevor De Vries [Republican], Lake Co, District 01

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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.

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Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

I am 100% in on replacing vouchers with ESA that are accesible for ALL students.

Roni Ford [Republican], Marion, District 29

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

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?

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?

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 allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

No, nonpublic nonaccredited school students should not have access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

No

John Ruckelhaus [Republican], Hamilton, District 29

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?

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

11. Would you support a bill allowing students enrolled in nonaccredited nonpublic schools to access PSAT and AP testing for core subjects at their local public school?

Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

I have always supported the fundamental concept that money follows the child and parents should always be in control of their children's education.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Craig Haggard [Republican], 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 for their child's education and should make appropriate choices accordingly.

3. Do you support government funding for homeschoolers?

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Maybe

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Yes, I support all Indiana students having access to PSAT and AP testing for core subjects.

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

I have always believed the ultimate choice is the parents to decide what is best for their children

Mark Messmer [Republican], Dubois, 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?

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

In my 16-year State Legislative history I always supported home schooling.