

2022 CANDIDATE SURVEY REPORT

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IAHE Action's **2022 Candidate Survey** was sent to individuals registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.

QUOTES WORTH HIGHLIGHTING

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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, Indiana Secretary of State, United States House of Representatives, and United States Senate. District number has been added.

Candidate responses have **not** been edited.

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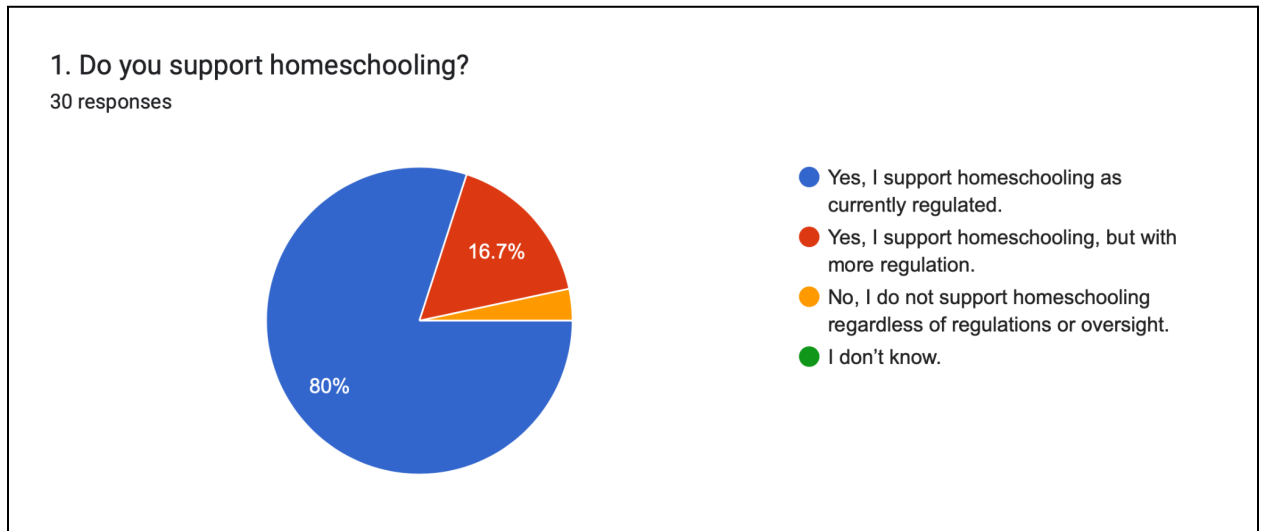
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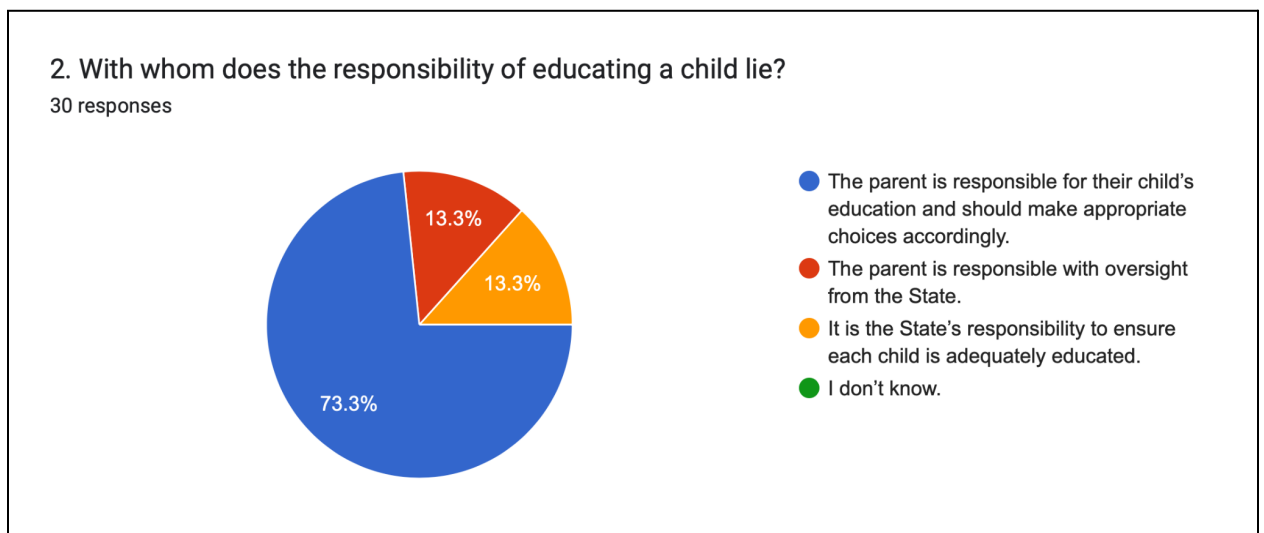
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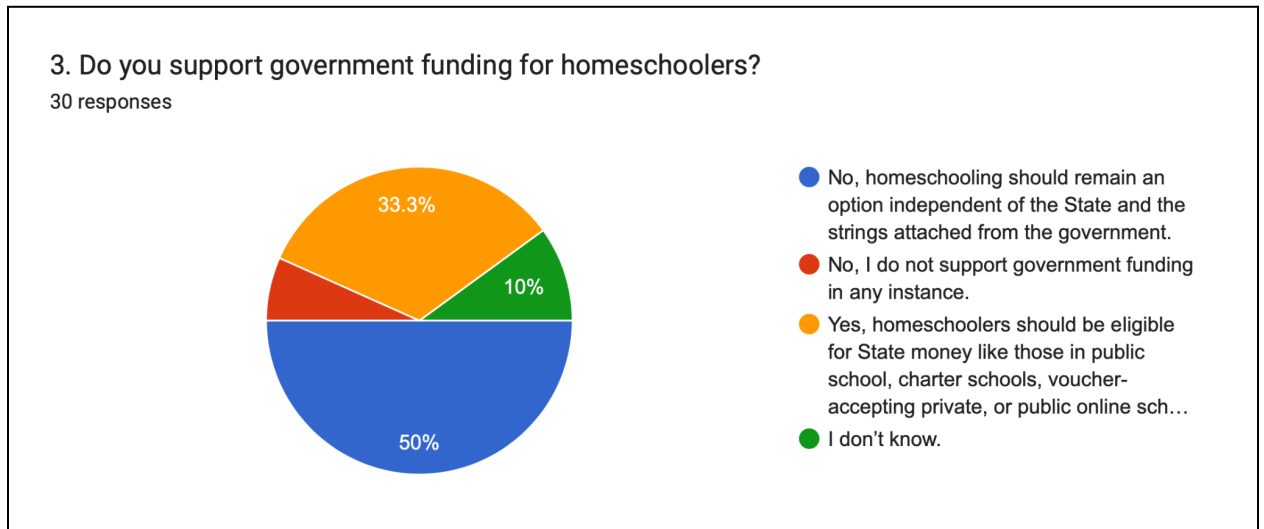
- ★ 80% of candidates who completed the survey support homeschooling as it is currently defined.



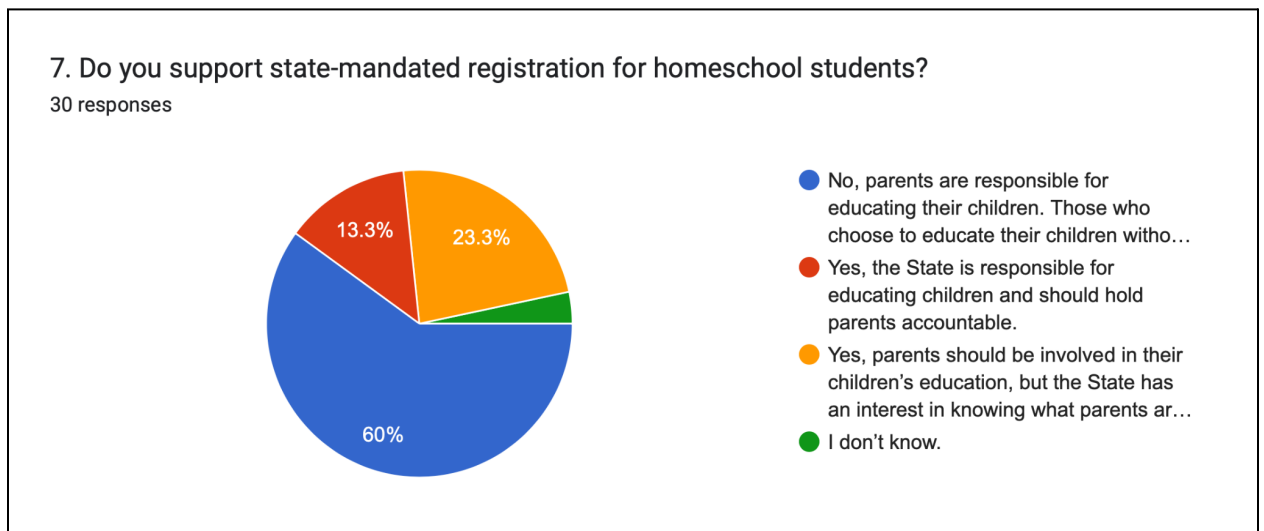
- ★ 26% of candidates who completed the survey believe it is the State's responsibility to oversee the education of the child. The vast majority believe it is the parent who is responsible for educating their child and making appropriate choices for their children.



- ★ 33.3% support government funding for homeschoolers including the strings that come with government funding.



- ★ 40% of candidates who completed the survey believe homeschooling parents should be required to register their homeschooled children with the state.



INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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.

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. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

I believe that, since Indiana recognizes homeschools as private schools, they should recognize diplomas from non-accredited schools. My only concern is, will that come with a requirement that homeschoolers meet Indiana State diploma guidelines. I would not vote for anything that would infringe on the right of a parent to educate their children in the manner they see fit without government intrusion. If codifying into law would compromise that ability, I would want to work with IAHE and any other organizations necessary to make sure we were

not doing harm to homeschool families and families that attend non-accredited schools. Please feel free to reach out to me for clarification if needed. I fully support homeschooling as an independent option for families. We have six children and we are currently homeschooling all of our minor children.

John L Couch [Republican], Marion Co, District 92

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

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

N/A

Donna L Griffin, Hancock Co, District 88

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.

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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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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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8. 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.

9. 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.

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

N/A

Mitch Gore, Marion Co, District 89

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, I didn't realize there was a difference. I no longer believe the two are the same and would treat the two differently in policy matters.

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

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. 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.

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

I don't know.

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

No

Tammari Ingalls [Democrat], Wabash Co, District 50

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?

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

6. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Homeschooling has its place in education, but I am of the opinion that it should be in rare cases. Public schools offer perspectives, opportunities, and learning situations that cannot be experienced in a home-school setting.

Karl Knable [Independent], Marion Co, District 93

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Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.

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?

I don't know.

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6. 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.

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I don't know.

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

I think homeschooling provides a valuable approach for those parents that decide to use this for their children. I do think that there needs to be a careful review to ensure that children are getting an education. Having worked in SVDP (dsjfhlasf) for many years, there were a number of families that we visited that, when asked where their children attended school, responded with homeschool. This was despite the fact that there were no books or educational materials present. It is unfortunate that as a society we need to follow up on this, but it should be a simple process to determine that yes a child is being homeschooled. I do think some funding should follow the child, but not the entire amount that is shown by the state as the per student approach. The schools still need much of the money to fund student programs for students that have special needs that do not either go into home schooling or private school programs. I think many of the questions were too specific to be answered correctly.

Joanna King [Republican], Elkhart Co, District 49

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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I don't know.

9. 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.

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

I would like to see ILearn and IRead an option for parents to take so they can see how their child measures with their peers.

Ryan Lauer [Republican], Bartholomew Co, District 59

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

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

I have been a consistent voice for school choice and an advocate for state funding to follow the child in Indiana. I believe in funding students, not systems. Home schooling is an integral part of our education system and overall is very successful in our state due to great parents, parent led organizations and community groups of homeschooler families. I support homeschooling very strongly as a choice any family should be able to make for their children. It's about school choice. As co-author of HB1005 (2021), I'm proud to have expanded student funding in Indiana and instituted HSAs. I am open to a conversation on including home schoolers in future HSA funding; however, there are major differences and risks when considering this option that must be considered. I do believe in limited government that includes not burdening home school families with onerous regulations. The people certainly have an interest in ensuring all Hoosier children receive a quality education. Home schooling is

an excellent option for many families, and I will continue to support and advocate for their success as a standard option for a quality education in Indiana.

Cindy Ledbetter [Republican], Warrick Co, District 75

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. 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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I don't know.

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

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

Answer to number 8, I know there are homeschool extracurricular group activities available but would be interested in learning more

Julie A. McGuire [Republican], Marion Co, District 93

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

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I don't know.

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

I support all forms of school choice. I would support homeschool families being eligible to participate in the ESA program that is very new for our state. However, I am not sure how that would effect their education freedom. I would not want that to be an unintended consequence. I certainly look forward to learning more about homeschool families in our state. Blessings.

Andrew McNeil [Republican], Vigo Co, District 3

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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

I was homeschooled, and with my wife Andrea are in the process of homeschooling our children. We have had 4 graduate with 3 more to go!

John Palmer Schmitz [Republican], Marion Co, District 97

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

I have met several well adjusted home schooled adults and they have impressed me with their demeanor and poise.

Mark Small [Republican], Marion Co, District 86

1. Do you support homeschooling?

No, I do not support homeschooling regardless of regulations or oversight.

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

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

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?

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

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

No, homeschoolers do not receive tax-payer dollars.

6. 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.

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

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

"Home schooling" has been part of an (unfortunately successful) effort to gut education and dumb-down our population.

Jake Teshka [Republican], Saint Joseph Co, District 7

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Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

I fully support parents' freedom to choose the educational environment that best suits their child.

Christella Yvonne Washington [Democrat], Wayne Co, District 56

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling as currently regulated.

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

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

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. 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.

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

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

8. 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.

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

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

Yes, I am an experienced home school teacher, child care provider, and acknowledge the benefits of individualized instruction and specialty care that some children require in order to flourish.

Greg A. Woods [Democrat], Boone Co, District 41

1. Do you support homeschooling?

Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.

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

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

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?

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

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. 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.

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

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

Homeschooling should always be an option in many situations but should never replace our public school system and all it has to offer.

INDIANA STATE SENATE

Scott A 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?

I don't know.

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

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Yes, homeschoolers add value to sporting and music programs.

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

I don't know.

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

I support homeschooling as another option for parents.

Daniel E Dernulc [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?

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I don't know.

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

Once elected we can possibly can sit down and discuss more. I want to hear your ideas.

Katie Forte [Democrat], Vanderburgh Co, District 47

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

I believe in well-funding our public education system (not every parent/family has the means to homeschool), but parents and families who choose to homeschool should be free to do so without government interference.

Jeffrey Raatz [Republican], Wayne Co, District 27

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

No

Evan R. Shearin [Republican], Marion Co, District 46

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

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

No, thank you.

INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE

Andrew Straw [Disability], Elkhart Co

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

I support homeschooling and full state support for kids with disabilities. When I was sick, I learned more at home reading quietly than at school. I was a National Merit Scholar. www.andrewstraw.com

David Wetterer [Green], Marion Co

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Yes, I support homeschooling, but with more regulation.

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The parent is responsible with oversight from the State.

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

In summation, myself and the Green Party "Recognize(s) the viable alternative of home-based education and support working-class parents who wish to offer it to their children."

Personally, I feel like all schools could be so much better, yet are being held back by people who know nothing about education. I sympathize with the community and understand if parents elect to withdraw their kids from public schools in favor of home schooling.

Please visit https://www.gp.org/social_justice/#sjArts for the Green Party's entire platform stance on education.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Jennifer-Ruth Green [Republican], Indiana's first congressional district

Representing: Indiana's 1st Congressional District

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

No

William Henry [Libertarian], Indiana's 2nd Congressional District

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

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

If we are collecting tax dollars at any level for the use of a child's education, those dollars, whether federal or state, should always follow the child for whom the funds are collected and intended.

School corporations and administrators continuously make poor educational and financial decisions and the parents and communities suffer due to that continued behavior.

Andrew Michael Horning [Libertarian], Indiana's 8th Congressional District

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

My youngest three children were homeschooled until High School. They've turned out spectacularly well.

UNITED STATES SENATE

Haneefah Khaaliq [Independent]

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

Prior to entering the field of law, I was a former schoolteacher. However, I taught for a number of years in private, public, and charter schools. As a private tutor, I worked with parents who homeschooled their children. These parents and children should not be discriminated against in any way because they have this right. They also want the best for their child. However, they should adhere to the advice and requirements of the State so that all children can be on the same page and succeed. I appreciate having the opportunity to fill out the survey. Visit haneefahkhaaliq.org for more information.

Danny Niederberger [Independent]

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

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

The past few years have really opened the eyes of parents to what happens in government mandated schooling. I believe we need to further open the doors to home school opportunities.

James M Sceniak [Libertarian]

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

I was educated at home from k-12

David Gene Storer [Independent]

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

I am a strong supporter of homeschooling of children.