


Iowa Association of School Boards still pushing gender identity concept, want Christian schools forced to accept trans students

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The Iowa Association of School Boards published its proposed 2026 legislative beliefs. Right away, the group calls for public schools to welcome all students regardless of “gender identity.” But they don’t want just public schools to embrace the radical gender ideology concept; they also want it forced on private, Christian schools.

“We believe schools must be open and welcoming to all students, and fully accountable and transparent to receive taxpayer dollars,” the document states. “Accredited private schools who accept education savings account funds should be required to accept all students regardless of...gender identity, sexual orientation...Accredited private schools who accept education savings account funds should be held to the same standard as public schools regarding accountability and transparency.”

The Iowa Association of School Boards also said that state law currently provides “sufficient choice.”

“Additional investments in tax credits for nonpublic tuition or other options are not necessary to provide educational choice,” the document says.

The document also states that the organization opposes state policies that:

- *establish education savings accounts, vouchers or any other program that uses taxpayer dollars to fund private schools;
- *provide direct payment of taxpayer funds to private schools, parents or for homeschool education;
- *increase tax credits or deductions directed toward private schools or homeschool education;
- *expand the state's educational savings account program to students who are receiving competent private instruction or independent private instruction.

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