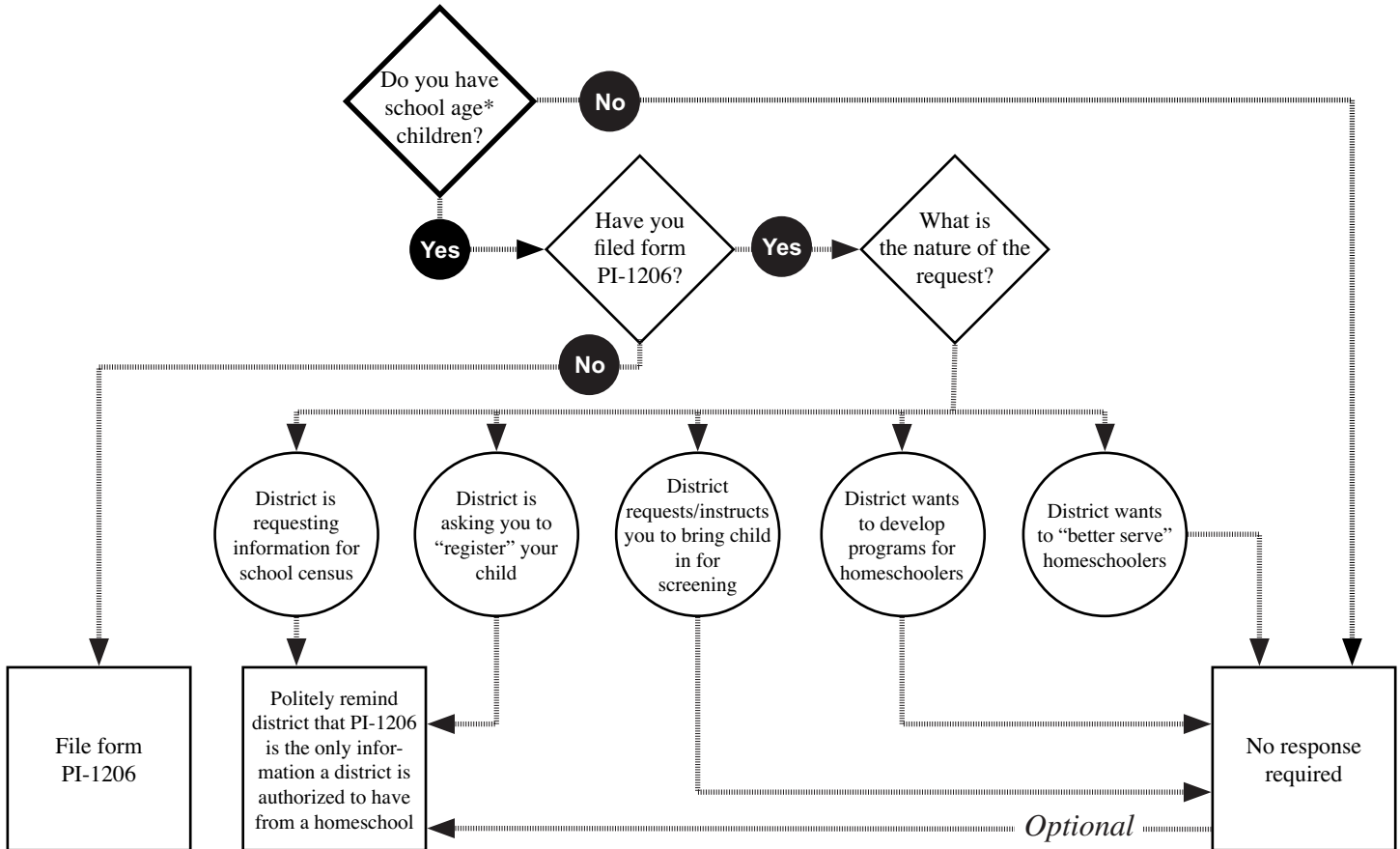


# Responding to Contact from School Districts

An ongoing issue for Wisconsin homeschoolers is school districts sending surveys, letters and inquiries to homeschooling families requesting information to which they are not legally entitled. School officials and opponents of homeschooling are less likely to challenge homeschoolers who know the law, are complying with it, and are acting in ways that protect their freedoms.

Here is a flow chart to help you understand how you should respond to some of the most common inquiries:

## I received a request for information from my local school district. What should I do?



\*Defined as age 6 on or before September 1 of the current year.

The information on the PI-1206 form is a report of enrollment. Use of information from PI-1206 forms for purposes other than record keeping is a violation of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

It takes time and energy to defend our homeschooling rights. Ideally homeschoolers who receive requests like these from their school districts would write letters stating that the district has no authority to ask for this information and also asking not to be contacted by the district again.

Sometimes the contacts from the districts are to inform you about an upcoming screening or enrollment opportunity or asking for ideas on "working with homeschoolers." These are requests that you could respond to or, if you aren't comfortable responding, you can choose not to respond.

If your school district contacts you requesting more specific information (i.e. children's names, ages, health status, or disabilities, parents' occupation, income, etc.) or telling you that you must "register" your child with the school in any way, those are situations that need to be addressed with a letter.

We are all responsible for standing up for our homeschooling freedoms and for acting in ways that protect all homeschooling families in Wisconsin.

It is very helpful to us when our members let us know when these types of contacts are being made. Please send us an email or forward any requests you receive from your school district to [wpa@homeschooling-wpa.org](mailto:wpa@homeschooling-wpa.org).