

Vote = Voice

2020 CAUCUS GUIDE



Republican Party Precinct Caucus
Monday, February 3, 2020
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Temporary chair starts the meeting and announces the purpose of the caucus.

Elect permanent chair and secretary.

Allow presidential candidate or a representative to speak on behalf of candidate.

Presidential straw poll.

Elect precinct committee persons.

Elect delegates and alternates to County Convention.

Consider caucus resolutions to send to County Convention.

Elect County Convention Committee members.

Iowa Republican Party Caucus and Convention Dates

March 21, 2020: County Conventions

April 25, 2020: District Conventions

June 13, 2020: State Convention

August 24-August 27, 2020: Republican National Convention

For further information please go to: <https://www.iowagop.org>

2020 Suggested Platform Resolutions

1. We oppose diverting public money from public schools to fund vouchers; tuition tax credits or private, for-profit education businesses. As public schools deal with continuous federal budget cuts, providing quality education becomes increasingly difficult. Taking scarce public resources away from public schools at a time of greatly increased expectations is unacceptable.
2. We encourage the Iowa Legislature and Governor to provide adequate funding for Iowa's public schools, area education agencies and community colleges. The future of our state is tied directly to its public education system which creates the well-educated workforce that attracts and keeps jobs in Iowa. The Legislature and the Governor must provide state supplemental aid rates that are adequate for public schools and return community college state funding to appropriate levels.
3. We encourage the Legislature and Governor to allow Education Support Professionals (ESPs) employed by public school districts to be eligible for unemployment benefits. Current Iowa law does not allow employees of a school district employed in a non-teaching position to apply for unemployment if h/she is unemployed over the summer and has reasonable expectation returning to the job in the fall. Employees who are sub-contracted to do the same job as ESPs employed by schools are allowed to apply and receive unemployment benefits. This discriminative practice needs to be corrected so that all employees whether employed by a school district or a sub-contractor are able to qualify for unemployment benefits over the summer while unemployed.
4. We support protecting the Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS) for educators, firefighters, nurses, snow plow drivers, and other public employees. It is well-funded and one out of every ten Iowans is an IPERS member making it a key economic driver to Iowa's local communities. No policy changes are needed to IPERS at this time.
5. We believe public school personnel play an important role in identifying and linking students with effective mental health services and supports. In order for Iowa's public schools to meet the essential emotional and mental health needs of today's students, a systemic push for student on-campus licensed professional mental health providers is a fundamental requirement; we believe school counselors, nurses and other trained and qualified adults play a vital role in the health and safety of students; and we believe increasing the number of highly qualified adults in schools is essential to a healthy school environment.

Additional caucus information and resources:

National Education Association: <https://educationvotes.nea.org/presidential-2020/delegates/>

Iowa Secretary of State: <https://sos.iowa.gov>

Iowa Democratic Party: <https://iowademocrats.org/2020-caucuses/>

The Republican Party of Iowa: <https://www.iowagop.org/caucuses>