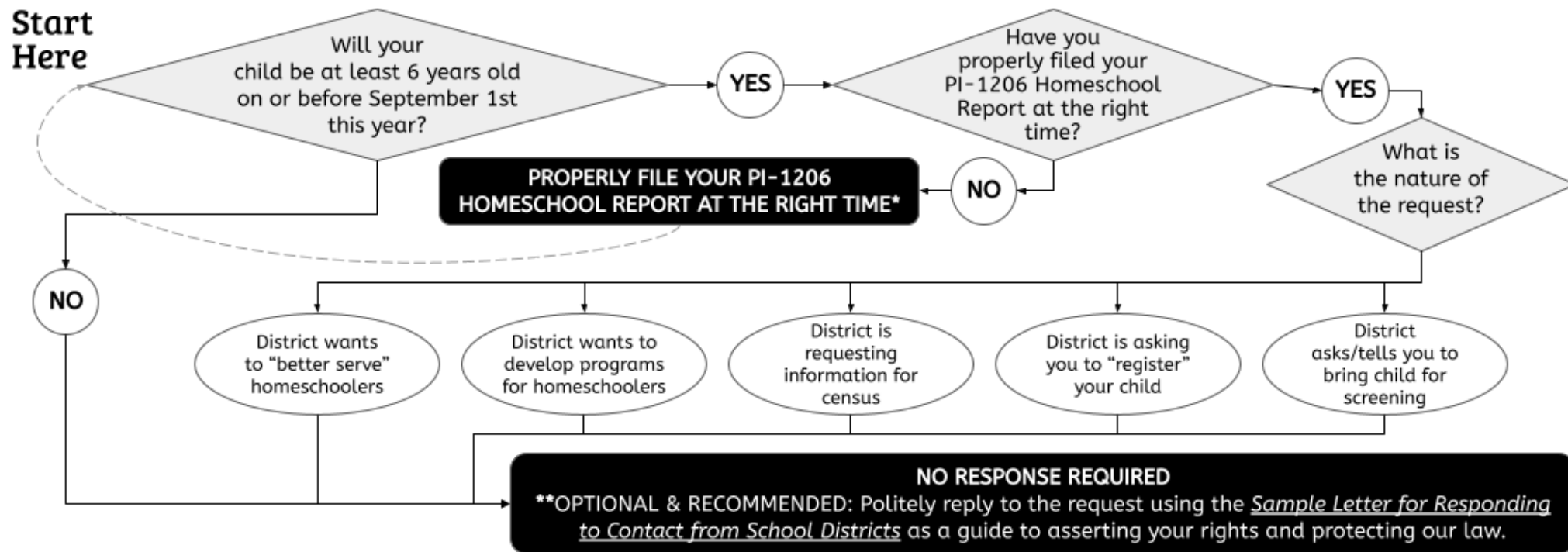


Responding to Contact from School Districts



An ongoing issue for Wisconsin Homeschoolers is school districts contacting homeschooling families, ranging from sending surveys, letters, and inquiries requesting information to which they are not legally entitled, to sending school officials or law enforcement officers to the home of homeschooling families. 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. It takes time and energy to defend our homeschooling rights.

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 when homeschoolers let us know about these situations through the Contact form on our website at www.homeschooling-whpa.org.



Sometimes contact from a district is to inform you about an upcoming screening or enrollment opportunity or asking for ideas on “working with homeschoolers.” These are requests that you may or may not choose to respond to. If your school district requests specific information (child’s name, age, health status, disability, parent’s occupation, income, etc.) or tells you to “register” your child in any way WHPA recommends you respond with a letter.

*Refer to www.homeschooling-whpa.org for more information about **When and How to file the PI-1206 Homeschool Report**. Use of information from the PI-1206 Homeschool Report for purposes other than expressly allowed is a violation of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Ideally homeschoolers who receive requests like these from their school districts write letters stating the district has no authority to ask for this information and asking not to be contacted by the district again. Refer to www.homeschooling-whpa.org for a **Sample Letter for Responding to Contact from School Districts.