

**281—97.3(257) Supplementary weighting plan for a regional academy.**

**97.3(1) Eligibility.** Except if listed under subrule 97.2(6), a resident student is eligible for supplementary weighting if the student is eligible to be counted as a resident student for certified enrollment and if all of the following criteria are met:

*a.* Two or more Iowa school districts, other than a whole-grade sharing partner district, send students to advanced-level courses that are included in the curriculum of the regional academy, and these students are eligible for supplementary weighting under paragraph 97.2(1) “*a*” or “*c*.” In addition, for the host district to qualify for the minimum weighting pursuant to subrule 97.3(4), one or more Iowa school districts, other than a whole-grade sharing partner district, must send students to career-technical classes that are included in the curriculum of the regional academy.

*b.* The regional academy is located in the district.

*c.* The grade levels include one or more grades seven through twelve.

*d.* The curriculum is an organized course of study, adopted by the board, that includes a minimum of two advanced-level courses that are not part of a career-technical program. An advanced-level course is a course that is above the level of the course units required as minimum curriculum in 281—Chapter 12 in the host district.

*e.* The resident students are not eligible for supplementary weighting under another supplementary weighting plan.

*f.* No resident or nonresident students are attending the regional academy under a whole-grade sharing arrangement as defined in subrule 97.2(7).

*g.* Two or more sending districts that are whole-grade sharing partner districts will be treated as one sending district for purposes of paragraph 97.3(1) “*a*.”

*h.* The school districts participating in a regional academy will enter into an agreement on how the funding generated by the supplementary weighting received will be used and will submit the agreement, as well as a copy of the minutes of meetings of the local school district boards of directors in which the boards approved the agreement, to the department for approval by October 1 of the year in which the districts intend to request supplementary weighting for the regional academy.

**97.3(2) Weighting.** Resident students eligible for supplementary weighting pursuant to subrule 97.3(1) are eligible for a weighting of one-tenth of the fraction of a school year during which the pupil attends courses at the regional academy in which nonresident students are enrolled pursuant to paragraph 97.3(1) “*a*.”

**97.3(3) Maximum weighting.** The maximum amount of additional weighting for which a school district establishing a regional academy is eligible is an amount corresponding to 30 full-time-equivalent pupils.

**97.3(4) Minimum weighting.** The minimum amount of additional weighting for which a school district establishing a regional academy is eligible is an amount corresponding to 15 full-time-equivalent pupils if the academy provides both advanced-level courses and career-technical courses.

**97.3(5) Additional programs.** If all of the criteria in subrule 97.3(1) are met, the regional academy may also include in its curriculum career-technical courses, Internet-based courses and ICN courses.

**97.3(6) Career academy.** A career academy is not a regional academy for purposes of these rules.  
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