ARC 9807C

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to technical requirements

The State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 12, "General Accreditation Standards," Chapter 14, "School Health Services," and Chapter 36, "Extracurricular Interscholastic Competition," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 2025 Iowa Acts, House Files 316, 190, and 835 and Senate File 278.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking implements technical requirements of four pieces of legislation from 2025: House File 316 (career planning instruction in grades five through eight); House File 190 (online administration of statewide summative assessments for students receiving primarily online instruction); House File 835 (seizure training and prevention in schools); and Senate File 278 (authorizing the two athletics organizations to offer interscholastic competitions in robotics).

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025, as **ARC 9600C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 21, 2025

Two individuals attended the hearing as observers. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the State Board on November 19, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

Aside from the fiscal impact noted in the Fiscal Note accompanying 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 190, there is no noted fiscal impact.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting.

The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on January 14, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **12.5(3)"k"**:

k. Career planning and pathways. Instruction in career planning and pathways pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.11(3)*"a"*(11) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 316, is to be offered in grades five and six. This paragraph does not apply to accredited nonpublic schools.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **12.5(4)"i"** as follows:

i. Career ~~education~~ instruction, exploration, and development. Career ~~education~~ instruction, exploration, and development will include ~~exploration of employment opportunities, experiences in career decision making, and experiences to help students integrate work values and work skills into their lives~~ content specified in Iowa Code section 256.11(4)*"a"*(7) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 316. This paragraph does not apply to nonpublic schools. However, nonpublic schools will comply with subrule 12.5(7).

ITEM 3. Amend subparagraph **12.8(1)"h"(2)** as follows:

(2) ~~For the school year beginning July 1, 2018, and each succeeding school year, the~~ The statewide summative assessment referred in this paragraph is to meet all of the following provisions:

1. and 2. No change.

3. The assessment will be available for administration in both paper-and-pencil and computer-based formats and include assessments in mathematics, science, and English language arts, including reading and writing. For students receiving instruction primarily over the internet from a school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school, a school or school district may administer any state-required assessment remotely pursuant to the terms of Iowa Code section 256.7(21)*"b"*(2)(e) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 190.

4. and 5. No change.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** subrule 14.2(4):

14.2(4) *Seizure training and response.*

a. Each school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school shall adopt policies and implement seizure action plan and training requirements contained in Iowa Code section 280.13D as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 835.

b. The state board of education shall adopt a seizure education program, which is to be consistent with standards of the Epilepsy Foundation of America. The department will post materials on the department's Internet site, educate.iowa.gov. Materials beyond what is required by paragraph 14.2(4)*"a"* are voluntary.

ITEM 5. Amend rule 281—36.2(280) as follows:

281—36.2(280) Registered organizations.

36.2(1) Organizations registered with the department include the following:

~~**36.2(1)**~~ *a.* Iowa High School Athletic Association (hereinafter association).

~~**36.2(2)**~~ *b.* Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union (hereinafter union).

~~**36.2(3)**~~ *c.* Iowa High School Music Association (hereinafter music association).

~~**36.2(4)**~~ *d.* Iowa High School Speech Association (hereinafter speech association).

~~**36.2(5)**~~ *e.* Unified Iowa High School Activities Federation (hereinafter federation).

36.2(2) Organizations identified in paragraphs 36.2(1)*"a"* and *"b"* may sponsor interscholastic competitions related to robotics.

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