

284.4 Participation.

1. A school district is eligible to receive moneys appropriated for purposes specified in this chapter if the school board applies to the department to participate in the student achievement and teacher quality program and submits a written statement declaring the school district's willingness to do all of the following:

- a.* Commit and expend local moneys to improve student achievement and teacher quality.
- b.* Implement a beginning teacher mentoring and induction program as provided in this chapter.
- c.* Provide, beginning in the fifth year of participation, the equivalent of two additional contract days, outside of instruction time, than were provided in the school year preceding the first year of participation, to provide additional time for teacher career development that aligns with student learning and teacher development needs, including the integration of technology into curriculum development, in order to achieve attendance center and district-wide student achievement goals outlined in the district comprehensive school improvement plan. School districts are encouraged to develop strategies for restructuring the school calendar to provide for the most effective professional development, evaluate their current career development alignment with their student achievement goals and research-based instructional strategies, and implement district career development plans. A school district that provides the equivalent of ten or more contract days for career development is exempt from this paragraph.
- d.* Adopt district and teacher career development plans in accordance with this chapter.
- e.* Adopt a teacher evaluation plan that, at minimum, requires a performance review of teachers in the participating district at least once every three years based upon the Iowa teaching standards and individual career development plans, and requires administrators to complete evaluator training in accordance with section 284.10.
- f.* Adopt teacher career paths based upon demonstrated knowledge and skills in accordance with this chapter.
- g.* Adopt a team-based variable pay plan that rewards attendance center success upon the implementation of a statewide variable pay plan.

2. By July 1, 2002, each school district shall participate in the student achievement and teacher quality program if the general assembly appropriates moneys for purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality program established pursuant to this chapter.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §5; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §3, 15; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §11, 12; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §40