

TEACHER PERFORMANCE, COMPENSATION, AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Footnotes

Legislative intent; 2001 Acts, ch 161, §1

284.1 Student achievement and teacher quality program.

A student achievement and teacher quality program is established to promote high student achievement. The program shall consist of the following four major elements:

1. Mentoring and induction programs that provide support for beginning teachers in accordance with section 284.5.
2. Career paths with compensation levels that strengthen Iowa's ability to recruit and retain teachers.
3. Professional development designed to directly support best teaching practices.
4. Team-based variable pay that provides additional compensation when student performance improves.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §2

284.2 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Beginning teacher*" means an individual serving under an initial license, issued by the board of educational examiners under chapter 272, who is assuming a position as a classroom teacher. For purposes of the beginning teacher mentoring and induction program created pursuant to section 284.5, "*beginning teacher*" also includes preschool teachers who are licensed by the board of educational examiners under chapter 272 and are employed by a school district or area education agency.
2. "*Classroom teacher*" means an individual who holds a valid practitioner's license and who is employed under a contract issued by a board of directors under section 279.13 to provide classroom instruction to students, or as a preschool teacher.
3. "*Comprehensive evaluation*" means a summative evaluation of a beginning teacher conducted by an evaluator for purposes of determining a beginning teacher's level of competency, for recommendation for licensure based upon the Iowa teaching standards, and to determine whether the teacher's practice meets the school district expectations for a career teacher.
4. "*Department*" means the department of education.
5. "*Director*" means the director of the department of education.
6. "*Evaluator*" means an administrator or other practitioner who successfully completes an evaluator training program pursuant to section 284.10.
7. "*Intensive assistance*" means the provision of organizational support and technical assistance to teachers, other than beginning teachers, for the remediation of identified teaching and classroom management concerns for a period not to exceed twelve months.
8. "*Mentor*" means an individual employed by a school district or area education agency as a classroom

teacher or a retired teacher who holds a valid license issued under chapter 272. The individual must have a record of four years of successful teaching practice, must be employed on a nonprobationary basis, and must demonstrate professional commitment to both the improvement of teaching and learning and the development of beginning teachers.

9. "*Performance review*" means a summative evaluation of a teacher other than a beginning teacher and used to determine whether the teacher's practice meets school district expectations and the Iowa teaching standards, and to determine whether the teacher's practice meets school district expectations for career advancement in accordance with section 284.7.

10. "*School board*" means the board of directors of a school district or a collaboration of boards of directors of school districts.

11. "*State board*" means the state board of education.

12. "*Teacher*" means an individual holding a practitioner's license issued under chapter 272, who is employed in a nonadministrative position as a teacher, librarian, media specialist, preschool teacher, or counselor by a school district or area education agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under section 279.13. A teacher may be employed in both an administrative and a nonadministrative position by a board of directors and shall be considered a part-time teacher for the portion of time that the teacher is employed in a nonadministrative position. "*Teacher*" includes a licensed individual employed on a less than full-time basis by a school district through a contract between the school district and an institution of higher education with a practitioner preparation program in which the licensed teacher is enrolled.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §3; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §7, 8; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §37

284.3 Iowa teaching standards.

1. For purposes of this chapter and for developing teacher evaluation criteria under chapter 279, the Iowa teaching standards are as follows:

- a. Demonstrates ability to enhance academic performance and support for and implementation of the school district's student achievement goals.
- b. Demonstrates competence in content knowledge appropriate to the teaching position.
- c. Demonstrates competence in planning and preparing for instruction.
- d. Uses strategies to deliver instruction that meets the multiple learning needs of students.
- e. Uses a variety of methods to monitor student learning.
- f. Demonstrates competence in classroom management.
- g. Engages in professional growth.
- h. Fulfills professional responsibilities established by the school district.

2. A school board shall provide for the following:

- a. For purposes of comprehensive evaluations for beginning teachers required to allow beginning teachers to progress to career teachers, standards and criteria that are the Iowa teaching standards specified in subsection 1 and the criteria for the Iowa teaching standards developed by the department in accordance with section

256.9, subsection 50. These standards and criteria shall be set forth in an instrument provided by the department. The comprehensive evaluation and instrument are not subject to negotiations or grievance procedures pursuant to chapter 20 or determinations made by the board of directors under section 279.14. A local school board and its certified bargaining representative may negotiate, pursuant to chapter 20, evaluation and grievance procedures for beginning teachers that are not in conflict with this chapter. If, in accordance with section 279.19, a beginning teacher appeals the determination of a school board to an adjudicator under section 279.17, the adjudicator selected shall have successfully completed training related to the Iowa teacher standards, the criteria adopted by the state board of education in accordance with subsection 3, and any additional training required under rules adopted by the public employment relations board in cooperation with the state board of education.

b. By July 1, 2005, for purposes of performance reviews for teachers other than beginning teachers, evaluations that contain, at a minimum, the Iowa teaching standards specified in subsection 1, as well as the criteria for the Iowa teaching standards developed by the department in accordance with section 256.9, subsection 50. A local school board and its certified bargaining representative may negotiate, pursuant to chapter 20, additional teaching standards and criteria. A local school board and its certified bargaining representative may negotiate, pursuant to chapter 20, evaluation and grievance procedures for teachers other than beginning teachers that are not in conflict with this chapter.

3. The state board shall adopt by rule pursuant to chapter 17A the criteria developed by the department in accordance with section 256.9, subsection 50.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §4; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §9, 10; 2003 Acts, ch 108, §49; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §38, 39

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

284.5 Beginning teacher mentoring and induction program.

1. A beginning teacher mentoring and induction program is created to promote excellence in teaching, enhance student achievement, build a supportive environment within school districts and area education agencies, increase the retention of promising beginning teachers, and promote the personal and professional well-being of classroom teachers.

2. The state board shall adopt rules to administer this section.

3. Each school district and area education agency shall provide a beginning teacher mentoring and induction program for all classroom teachers who are beginning teachers, and notwithstanding section 284.4, subsection 1, a school district and an area education agency shall be eligible to receive moneys under section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph "c", for purposes of implementing a beginning teacher mentoring and induction program in accordance with this section.

4. Each participating school district and area education agency shall develop an initial beginning teacher mentoring and induction plan. A school district shall include its plan in the school district's comprehensive school improvement plan submitted pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 21. The beginning teacher mentoring and induction plan shall, at a minimum, provide for a two-year sequence of induction program content and activities to support the Iowa teaching standards and beginning teacher professional and personal needs; mentor training that includes, at a minimum, skills of classroom demonstration and coaching, and district expectations for beginning teacher competence on Iowa teaching standards; placement of mentors and beginning teachers; the process for dissolving mentor and beginning teacher partnerships; district organizational support for release time for mentors and beginning teachers to plan, provide demonstration of classroom practices, observe teaching, and provide feedback; structure for mentor selection and assignment of mentors to beginning teachers; a district facilitator; and program evaluation.

5. A beginning teacher shall be informed by the school district or the area education agency, prior to the beginning teacher's participation in a mentoring and induction program, of the criteria upon which the beginning teacher shall be evaluated and of the evaluation process utilized by the school district or area education agency.

6. Upon completion of the program, the beginning teacher shall be comprehensively evaluated to determine if the teacher meets expectations to move to the career level. The school district or area education agency that employs the beginning teacher shall recommend for a standard license a beginning teacher who is determined through a comprehensive evaluation to demonstrate competence in the Iowa teaching standards. A school district or area education agency may offer a beginning teacher a third year of participation in the program if, after conducting a comprehensive evaluation, the school district determines that the teacher is likely to successfully complete the mentoring and induction program by the end of the third year of eligibility. A teacher granted a third year of eligibility shall develop a teacher's mentoring and induction program plan in accordance with this chapter and shall undergo a comprehensive evaluation at the end of the third year. The board of educational examiners shall grant a one-year extension of the beginning teacher's initial license upon notification by the school district that the teacher will participate in a third year of the school district's program.

7. If a beginning teacher who is participating in a mentoring and induction program leaves the employ of a participating school district or area education agency prior to completion of the program, the participating school district or area education agency subsequently hiring the beginning teacher shall credit the beginning teacher with the time earned in the program prior to the subsequent hiring.

8. If the general assembly appropriates moneys for purposes of this section, a school district or area education agency is eligible to receive state assistance for up to two years under this section for each teacher the school district or area education agency employs who was formerly employed in an accredited nonpublic school or in another state as a first-year teacher. The school district or area education agency employing the teacher shall determine the conditions and requirements of a teacher participating in a program in accordance with this subsection. The school district or area education agency that employs the teacher shall recommend the teacher for an educational license if the teacher, through a comprehensive evaluation, is determined to demonstrate competence in the Iowa teaching standards.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §6; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §4, 15; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §13; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §41; 2003 Acts, ch 182, §15

284.6 Teacher career development.

1. The department shall coordinate a statewide network of career development for Iowa teachers. A participating school district or career development provider that offers a career development program in accordance with section 256.9, subsection 50, shall demonstrate that the program contains the following:

a. Support that meets the career development needs of individual teachers and is aligned with the Iowa teaching standards.

b. Research-based instructional strategies aligned with the school district's student achievement needs and the long-range improvement goals established by the district.

c. Instructional improvement components including student achievement data, analysis, theory, classroom demonstration and practice, technology integration, observation, reflection, and peer coaching.

d. An evaluation component that documents the improvement in instructional practice and the effect on student learning.

2. The department shall identify models of career development practices that produce evidence of the link between teacher training and improved student learning.

3. A participating school district shall incorporate a district career development plan into the district's comprehensive school improvement plan submitted to the department in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 21. The district career development plan shall include a description of the means by which the school district will provide access to all teachers in the district to career development programs or offerings that meet the requirements of subsection 1. The plan shall align all career development with the school district's long-range student learning goals and the Iowa teaching standards. The plan shall indicate the school district's approved career development provider or providers.

4. In cooperation with the teacher's evaluator, the career teacher employed by a participating school district shall develop an individual teacher career development plan. The evaluator shall consult with the teacher's supervisor on the development of the individual teacher career development plan. The purpose of the plan is to promote individual and group career development. The individual plan shall be based, at minimum, on the needs of the teacher, the Iowa teaching standards, and the student achievement goals of the attendance center and the school district as outlined in the comprehensive school improvement plan.

5. The teacher's evaluator shall annually meet with the teacher to review progress in meeting the goals in the teacher's individual plan. The teacher shall present to the evaluator evidence of progress. The purpose of the meeting shall be to review the teacher's progress in meeting career development goals in the plan and to review collaborative work with other staff on student achievement goals and to modify as necessary the teacher's individual plan to reflect the individual teacher's and the school district's needs and the individual's progress in meeting the goals in the plan. The teacher's supervisor and the evaluator shall review, modify, or accept modifications made to the teacher's individual plan.

6. School districts, a consortium of school districts, area education agencies, higher education institutions, and other public or private entities including professional associations may be approved by the state board to provide teacher career development. The career development program or offering shall, at minimum, meet the requirements of subsection 1. The state board shall adopt rules for the approval of career development providers and standards for the district career development plan.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §7; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §14; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §42

284.7 Iowa teacher career path.

To promote continuous improvement in Iowa's quality teaching workforce and to give Iowa teachers the opportunity for career recognition that reflects the various roles teachers play as educational leaders, an Iowa teacher career path is established for teachers employed by participating school districts. A participating school district shall use funding allocated under section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph "f", to raise teacher salaries to meet the requirements of this section. The Iowa teacher career path and salary minimums are as follows:

1. Effective July 1, 2001, the following career path levels are established and shall be implemented in accordance with this chapter:

a. Beginning teacher.

(1) A beginning teacher is a teacher who meets the following requirements:

(a) Has successfully completed an approved practitioner preparation program as defined in section 272.1.

(b) Holds an initial teacher license issued by the board of educational examiners.

(c) Participates in the beginning teacher mentoring and induction program as provided in this chapter.

(2) The participating district shall increase the district's minimum salary for a first-year beginning teacher by at least one thousand five hundred dollars per year above the minimum salary paid to a first-year beginning teacher in the previous year unless the minimum salary for a first-year beginning teacher exceeds twenty-eight thousand dollars.

b. Career teacher.

(1) A career teacher is a teacher who meets the following requirements:

(a) Has successfully completed the beginning teacher mentoring and induction program and has successfully completed a comprehensive evaluation as provided in this chapter.

(b) Is reviewed by the school district as demonstrating the competencies of a career teacher.

(c) Holds a valid license issued by the board of educational examiners.

(d) Participates in teacher career development as set forth in this chapter and demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching.

(2) The participating district shall provide a two thousand dollar difference between the average beginning teacher salary and the minimum career teacher salary, unless the school district has a minimum career teacher salary that exceeds thirty thousand dollars.

2. It is the intent of the general assembly to establish and require the implementation of and provide for the implementation of the following additional career path levels:

a. Career II teacher.

(1) A career II teacher is a teacher who meets the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph "b", has met the requirements established by the school district that employs the teacher, and is evaluated by the school district as demonstrating the competencies of a career II teacher. The teacher shall have successfully completed a performance review in order to be classified as a career II teacher.

(2) It is the intent of the general assembly that the participating district shall establish a minimum salary for a career II teacher that is at least five thousand dollars greater than the minimum career teacher salary. It is further intended that the district shall adopt a plan that facilitates the transition of a career teacher to a career II level.

b. Advanced teacher.

(1) An advanced teacher is a teacher who meets the following requirements:

(a) Receives the recommendation of the review panel that the teacher possesses superior teaching skills and that the teacher should be classified as an advanced teacher.

(b) Holds a valid license from the board of educational examiners.

(c) Participates in teacher career development as outlined in this chapter and demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching.

(d) Possesses the skills and qualifications to assume leadership roles.

(2) It is the intent of the general assembly that the participating district shall establish a minimum salary for an advanced teacher that is at least thirteen thousand five hundred dollars greater than the minimum career teacher salary. In conjunction with the development of the review panel pursuant to section 284.9, the department shall make recommendations to the general assembly by January 1, 2002, regarding the appropriate district-to-district recognition for advanced teachers and methods that facilitate the transition of a teacher to the advanced level.

3. A teacher shall be promoted one level at a time and a teacher promoted to the next career level shall remain at that level for at least one year before requesting promotion to the next career level.

4. If a performance review for a teacher is conducted in the fifth year of the teacher's status at the career level, and indicates that the teacher's practice no longer meets the standards for that level, a performance review shall be conducted in the next following school year. If the performance review establishes that the teacher's practice fails to meet the standards for that level, the teacher shall be ineligible for any additional pay increase other than a cost-of-living increase.

5. A teacher employed in a participating district shall not receive less compensation in that participating

district than the teacher received in the school year preceding participation, as set forth in section 284.4 due to implementation of this chapter. A teacher who achieves national board for professional teaching standards certification and meets the requirements of section 256.44 shall continue to receive the award as specified in section 256.44 in addition to the compensation set forth in this section.

6. *a.* If the licensed employees of a school district or area education agency receiving funds pursuant to section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph "f" or "g", for purposes of this section, are organized under chapter 20 for collective bargaining purposes, the board of directors and the certified bargaining representative for the licensed employees shall mutually agree upon a formula for distributing the funds among the teachers employed by the school district or area education agency. However, the school district must comply with the salary minimums provided for in this section. The parties shall follow the negotiation and bargaining procedures specified in chapter 20 except that if the parties reach an impasse, neither impasse procedures agreed to by the parties nor sections 20.20 through 20.22 shall apply and the funds shall be paid as provided in paragraph "b". Negotiations under this section are subject to the scope of negotiations specified in section 20.9. If a board of directors and the certified bargaining representative for licensed employees have not reached mutual agreement for the distribution of funds received pursuant to section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph "f" or "g", by July 15 of the fiscal year for which the funds are distributed, paragraph "b" of this subsection shall apply.

b. If, once the minimum salary requirements of this section have been met by the school district or area education agency, and the school district or area education agency receiving funds pursuant to section 284.13, subsection 1, paragraph "f" or "g", for purposes of this section, and the certified bargaining representative for the licensed employees have not reached an agreement for distribution of the funds remaining, in accordance with paragraph "a", the board of directors shall divide the funds remaining among full-time teachers employed by the district or area education agency whose regular compensation is equal to or greater than the minimum career teacher salary specified in this section. The payment amount for teachers employed on less than a full-time basis shall be prorated.

c. If the licensed employees of a school district or area education agency are not organized for collective bargaining purposes, the board of directors shall determine the method of distribution of such funds.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §8; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §5, 6, 15; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §15, 16; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §4346

284.8 Performance review requirements for teachers.

1. A participating school district shall review a teacher's performance at least once every three years for purposes of assisting teachers in making continuous improvement, documenting continued competence in the Iowa teaching standards, identifying teachers in need of improvement, or to determine whether the teacher's practice meets school district expectations for career advancement in accordance with section 284.7. The review shall include, at minimum, classroom observation of the teacher, the teacher's progress, and implementation of the teacher's individual career development plan; shall include supporting documentation from other evaluators, teachers, parents, and students; and may include video portfolios as evidence of teaching practices.

2. If a supervisor or an evaluator determines, at any time, as a result of a teacher's performance that the teacher is not meeting district expectations under the Iowa teaching standards specified in section 284.3, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" through "g", the criteria for the Iowa teaching standards developed by the department in accordance with section 256.9, subsection 50, and any other standards or criteria established in the collective bargaining agreement, the evaluator shall, at the direction of the teacher's supervisor, recommend to the district that the teacher participate in an intensive assistance program. The intensive assistance program and its implementation are not subject to negotiation or grievance procedures established pursuant to chapter 20. By July 1, 2005, all school districts must be prepared to offer an intensive assistance program.

3. If a teacher is denied advancement to the career II or advanced teacher level based upon a performance review, the teacher may appeal the decision to an adjudicator under the process established under section 279.17. However, the decision of the adjudicator is final.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §9; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §17; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §47

284.9 Review panel.

1. A career II teacher seeking to receive an advanced designation shall submit a portfolio of work evidence aligned with the Iowa teaching standards to a review panel established in accordance with subsection 2. A majority of the evidence in the portfolio shall be classroom-based. The review panel shall evaluate the career II teacher's portfolio to determine whether the teacher demonstrates superior teaching skills and shall make a recommendation to the board of educational examiners whether or not the teacher shall receive an advanced designation. The standards for recommendation include, but are not limited to, meeting the Iowa teaching standards at an advanced level.

2. The department shall establish up to five regional review panels consisting of five members per panel. Each panel shall include, at a minimum, a nationally board-certified teacher and a school district administrator. Panel members shall be appointed by the director and shall possess the knowledge necessary to determine the quality of the evidence submitted in an applicant's portfolio. Panel members shall serve staggered three-year terms and may be reappointed to a second term. The department shall provide support and evaluation training for panel members and convene panels as needed. Panel members shall be reimbursed for mileage expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of official duties and shall receive per diem compensation by the department.

3. To assure fairness and consistency in the evaluation process, the review panels may perform random audits of the comprehensive evaluations and performance reviews conducted by evaluators throughout the state, and may randomly review how the evaluators are evaluating teachers based upon the Iowa teaching standards.

4. A teacher who does not receive a recommendation from a review panel may appeal that denial to an administrative law judge located in the department of inspections and appeals. The state shall not be liable for a teacher's attorney fees, costs, or damages that may result from an appeal of a review panel's decision. The state board shall adopt rules to administer this section.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §10; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §7, 15; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §48

284.10 Evaluator training program.

1. The department shall establish an evaluator training program to improve the skills of school district evaluators in making employment decisions, making recommendations for licensure, and moving teachers through a career path as established under this chapter. The department shall consult with persons representing teachers, national board-certified teachers, administrators, school boards, higher education institutions with approved practitioner and administrator preparation programs, and with persons from the private sector knowledgeable in employment evaluation and evaluator training in order to develop standards and requirements for the program. Evaluator training programs offered pursuant to this chapter may be provided by a public or private entity. The department shall distribute a list of evaluator training program providers to each school district.

2. An administrator licensed under chapter 272 who conducts evaluations of teachers for purposes of this chapter shall complete the evaluator training program. A practitioner licensed under chapter 272 who is not an administrator may enroll in the evaluator training program. Enrollment preference shall be given to administrators. Upon successful completion, the provider shall certify that the administrator or other practitioner is qualified to conduct evaluations for employment, make recommendations for licensure, and

make recommendations that a teacher is qualified to advance from one career path level to the next career path level pursuant to this chapter. Certification is for a period of five years and may be renewed.

3. A higher education institution approved by the state board to provide an administrator preparation program shall incorporate the evaluator training program into the program offered by the institution.

4. The board of educational examiners shall require certification as a condition of issuing or renewing an administrator's license.

5. By July 1, 2005, the director shall develop and implement an evaluator training certification renewal program for administrators and other practitioners who need to renew a certificate issued pursuant to this section.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §11, 25; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §8, 15; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §18; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §49; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §95

284.11 Pilot program for team-based variable pay for student achievement.

1. It is the intent of the general assembly to create a statewide team-based variable pay program to reward individual attendance centers for improvement in student achievement. A pilot program is established to give Iowa school districts with one or more participating attendance centers the opportunity to explore and demonstrate successful methods to implement team-based variable pay and to compare student achievement gains in school districts participating in the program with gains in school districts similar in nature that are not participating in the program. The department shall develop and administer the pilot program and shall provide technical assistance in the areas of goal setting and student assessments to school districts approved to participate in the pilot program. Preference shall be given to school districts that were previously approved to participate in a pilot program administered by the department in accordance with this section. Each school district approved by the department to participate in the pilot program shall administer valid and reliable standardized assessments at the beginning and end of the school year to demonstrate growth in student achievement.

2. All licensed practitioners employed at a participating attendance center that has demonstrated improvement in student achievement shall share in a cash award paid from moneys received by a school district pursuant to section 284.13, subsection 1. However, the school district is encouraged to extend cash awards to other staff employed at the attendance center.

3. The principal, with the participation of a team of licensed practitioners appointed by the principal, at each participating attendance center within a school district shall annually submit district attendance center student performance goals to the school board for approval. The attendance center goals must be aligned with the school improvement goals for the district developed in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 21. The district shall determine the designation of an attendance center for purposes of this section. The attendance center student performance goals may differ from attendance center to attendance center and may contain goals and indicators in addition to the comprehensive school improvement plan. An attendance center shall demonstrate student achievement through the use of multiple measures that are valid and reliable.

4. Each participating district shall create its own design for a team-based variable pay plan linked to the district's comprehensive school improvement plan. The plan must include attendance center student performance goals, student performance levels, multiple indicators to determine progress toward attendance center goals, and a system for providing financial rewards. The team-based variable pay plan shall be approved by the local board.

5. Each district team-based variable pay plan shall be reviewed by the department. The department shall include a review of the locally established goals, targeted levels of improvement, assessment strategies, and

financial reward system.

6. A district electing to initiate a team-based variable pay plan according to this section during the school year beginning July 1, 2003, shall notify the department of its election in writing no later than August 1, 2003. The department shall certify the school district plan by October 1, 2003.

7. The district team-based variable pay plan shall specify how the funding received by the district for purposes of this section is to be awarded to eligible staff in attendance centers that meet or exceed their goals. The district shall provide all attendance centers equal access to the available funds. Moneys shall be released by the department to the district only upon certification by the school board that an attendance center has met or exceeded its goals.

8. Moneys received for purposes of this section shall not be used for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §12; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §9, 10, 15; 2003 Acts, ch 44, §58; 2003 Acts, ch 108, §50; 2003 Acts, ch 180, §50

284.12 Reports rules.

1. The department shall annually report the statewide progress on the following:

a. Student achievement scores in mathematics and reading at the fourth and eighth grade levels on a district-by-district basis as reported to the local communities pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "c".

b. Evaluator training program.

c. Team-based variable pay for student achievement.

d. Changes and improvements in the evaluation of teachers under the Iowa teaching standards.

2. The report shall be made available to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on education, the legislative education accountability and oversight committee, the deans of the colleges of education at approved practitioner preparation institutions in this state, the state board, the governor, and school districts by January 1. School districts shall provide information as required by the department for the compilation of the report and for accounting and auditing purposes.

3. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the general assembly, the department shall provide for a comprehensive independent evaluation of all components of the student achievement and teacher quality program and shall submit the results of the evaluation in the report submitted pursuant to subsection 2 by January 1, 2007.

4. In developing administrative rules for consideration by the state board, the department shall consult with persons representing teachers, administrators, school boards, approved practitioner preparation institutions, other appropriate education stakeholders, and the legislative education accountability and oversight committee.

2001 Acts, ch 161, §13; 2001 Acts, ch 177, §11, 15; 2003 Acts, ch 45, §1

284.13 State program allocation.

1. For each fiscal year in which moneys are appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of the student

achievement and teacher quality program, the moneys shall be allocated as follows in the following priority order:

a. For each fiscal year in the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, the department shall reserve up to five hundred thousand dollars of any moneys appropriated for purposes of this chapter. For each fiscal year in which moneys are appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of team-based variable pay pursuant to section 284.11, the amount of moneys allocated to school districts shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment of a school district bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all participating school districts for the budget year. However, the per pupil amount distributed to a school district under the pilot program shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, to the department of education, the amount of one million one hundred thousand dollars for the issuance of national board certification awards in accordance with section 256.44.

c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and succeeding fiscal years, an amount up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for first-year and second-year beginning teachers, to the department of education for distribution to school districts for purposes of the beginning teacher mentoring and induction programs. A school district shall receive one thousand three hundred dollars per beginning teacher participating in the program. If the funds appropriated for the program are insufficient to pay mentors and school districts as provided in this paragraph, the department shall prorate the amount distributed to school districts based upon the amount appropriated. Moneys received by a school district pursuant to this paragraph shall be expended to provide each mentor with an award of five hundred dollars per semester, at a minimum, for participation in the school district's beginning teacher mentoring and induction program; to implement the plan; and to pay any applicable costs of the employer's share of contributions to federal social security and the Iowa public employees' retirement system or a pension and annuity retirement system established under chapter 294, for such amounts paid by the district.

d. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, up to one million dollars to the department of education for purposes of maintaining the evaluator training program. A portion of the funds allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may be used by the department for administrative purposes. Notwithstanding section 8.33, from the moneys allocated under this paragraph for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, that remain unobligated or unexpended at the end of the fiscal year, three hundred thousand dollars shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure to maintain the evaluator training program, and up to five hundred thousand dollars shall remain available to supplement moneys allocated pursuant to paragraph "*f*" of this subsection.

e. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the department of education for purposes of implementing the career development program requirements of section 284.6, and the review panel requirements of section 284.9. From the moneys allocated to the department pursuant to this paragraph, not less than seventy-five thousand dollars shall be used to administer the ambassador to education position in accordance with section 256.45. A portion of the funds allocated to the department for purposes of this paragraph may be used by the department for administrative purposes. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys allocated for purposes of this paragraph prior to July 1, 2004, which remain unobligated or unexpended at the end of the fiscal year for which the moneys were appropriated, shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes for which they were allocated, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

f. For each fiscal year in which funds are appropriated for purposes of this chapter, the moneys remaining after distribution as provided in paragraphs "*a*" through "*e*" and "*g*" shall be allocated to school districts for salaries and career development in accordance with the following formula:

(1) Fifty percent of the allocation shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment of a school district bears

to the sum of the basic enrollments of all school districts in the state for the budget year.

(2) Fifty percent of the allocation shall be based upon the proportion that the number of full-time equivalent teachers employed by a school district bears to the sum of the number of full-time equivalent teachers who are employed by all school districts in the state for the base year.

g. From moneys available under paragraph "*f*", the department shall allocate to area education agencies an amount per classroom teacher employed by an area education agency that is approximately equivalent to the average per teacher amount allocated to the districts. The average per teacher amount shall be calculated by dividing the total number of classroom teachers employed by school districts and the classroom teachers employed by area education agencies into the total amount of moneys available under paragraph "*f*".

h. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any moneys remaining unencumbered or unobligated from the moneys allocated for purposes of paragraph "*b*" or "*c*" shall not revert but shall remain available in the succeeding fiscal year for expenditure for the purposes designated. The provisions of section 8.39 shall not apply to the funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection.

i. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, moneys made available for the purposes of implementing paragraphs "*d*" and "*e*" may be allocated in the amounts, as determined by the department, needed to implement the purposes of paragraphs "*d*" and "*e*".

2. A school district that is unable to meet the provisions of section 284.7, subsection 1, with funds allocated pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "*f*", may request a waiver from the department to use funds appropriated under chapter 256D to meet the provisions of section 284.7, subsection 1, if the difference between the funds allocated to the school district pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "*f*", and the amount required to comply with section 284.7, subsection 1, is not less than ten thousand dollars. The department shall consider the average class size of the school district, the school district's actual unspent balance from the preceding year, and the school district's current financial position.

3. Moneys received by a school district under this chapter are miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257 or are considered encumbered. A school district shall maintain a separate listing within its budget for payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this section.

2001 Acts, ch 177, §12, 15; 2002 Acts, ch 1152, §19, 20; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §116, 117; 2003 Acts, ch 182, §16, 17, 19, 20; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §97, 98, 100