

8D.5 Education telecommunications council established regional councils established.

1. An education telecommunications council is established. The council consists of eighteen members and shall include the following: two persons appointed by the state board of regents; two persons appointed by the Iowa association of community college trustees; two persons appointed by the area education agency boards; two persons appointed by the Iowa association of school boards; two persons appointed by the school administrators of Iowa; two persons appointed by the Iowa association of independent colleges and universities; two persons appointed by the Iowa state education association; three persons appointed by the director of the department of education including one person representing libraries and one person representing the Iowa association of nonpublic school administrators; and one person appointed by the administrator of the public broadcasting division of the department of education. The council shall establish scheduling and site usage policies for educational users of the network, coordinate the activities of the regional telecommunications councils, and develop proposed rules and changes to rules for recommendation to the commission. The council shall also recommend long-range plans for enhancements needed for educational applications. Administrative support and staffing for the council shall be provided by the department of education.

2. A regional telecommunications council is established in each of the merged areas established pursuant to chapter 260C consisting of nine members, including one member each to be appointed by each of the appointing authorities under subsection 1. Additional ex officio, nonvoting members may also be appointed to the regional telecommunications councils. The regional telecommunications councils shall advise the education telecommunications council on the assessment of local educational needs, and the coordination of program activities including scheduling. The community college located in the merged area of a regional telecommunications council shall staff and facilitate the activities of the council. The community college and the council may enter into a chapter 28E agreement for such arrangement.

3. The community college in each of the merged areas shall be responsible for switching of Parts II and III of the network and for facilitating the organization and meetings of the regional telecommunications council.