

**257.38 Funding for at-risk, alternative school, and returning dropouts and dropout prevention programs — plan.**

1. Boards of school districts, individually or jointly with boards of other school districts, requesting to use a modified supplemental amount for costs in excess of the amount received under [section 257.11, subsection 4](#), for programs for at-risk students, secondary students who attend alternative programs and alternative schools, and returning dropouts and dropout prevention, shall submit comprehensive program plans for the programs and budget costs, including annual requests for a modified supplemental amount for funding the programs, to the department of education as a component of the comprehensive school improvement plan submitted to the department pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 21](#). The program plans shall include:

- a. Program goals, objectives, and activities to meet the needs of students identified as at risk, secondary students who attend alternative programs and alternative schools, or potential dropouts or returning dropouts.
- b. Student identification criteria and procedures.
- c. Staff in-service education design.
- d. Staff utilization plans.
- e. Evaluation criteria and procedures and performance measures.
- f. Program budget.
- g. Qualifications required of personnel delivering the program.
- h. A program for at-risk students.
- i. A provision for identifying at-risk students.
- j. Other factors the department requires.

2. Program plans shall identify the parts of the plan that will be implemented first upon approval of the request. If a district is requesting to use a modified supplemental amount to finance the program, the school district shall not identify more than five percent of its budget enrollment for the budget year as returning dropouts and potential dropouts.

[89 Acts, ch 135, §38; 2001 Acts, ch 159, §9; 2006 Acts, ch 1152, §27; 2013 Acts, ch 121, §35, 36, 42; 2015 Acts, ch 140, §39, 58, 59](#)

Referred to in [§257.10, §257.41](#)