

**281—22.3(261C) Student eligibility.** Persons who have graduated from high school are not eligible under Iowa Code chapter 261C.

Eligible students shall be residents of Iowa.

Nonpublic school students meeting all other eligibility requirements may apply to take courses under the Act in the public school district where the nonpublic school student attends, provided that neither the nonpublic school nor the public school district of attendance offers a comparable course.

Postsecondary institutions may require students to meet appropriate standards or requirements for entrance into a course. Such requirements may include prerequisite courses, scores on national academic aptitude and achievement tests, or other evaluation procedures to determine competency. Acceptance of a student into a course by a postsecondary institution is not a guarantee that a student will be enrolled in all requested courses.

Priority may be given to postsecondary students before enrolling eleventh and twelfth grade students in courses. However, once an eleventh or twelfth grade student has enrolled in a postsecondary course, the student cannot be displaced by another student for the duration of the course.

Students shall not “audit” postsecondary courses. The student must take the course for credit and must meet all of the requirements of the course which are required of postsecondary students.

In order to assist students and their parents or guardians to make knowledgeable decisions regarding participation and to assist school districts to plan for the following school year, school districts shall inform their students of the availability of the opportunity provided by the Act.

A student anticipating enrollment under this Act shall inform the school district and the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school of the intent to participate, apply at the postsecondary institution, and sign a statement indicating that the student and parent or guardian have received information about the Act.

The school district or accredited nonpublic school shall certify the eligibility of its students for participation under this Act. A student shall not be eligible for participation until the school district or accredited nonpublic school completes the certification of eligibility.