

**281—97.1(257) Definitions.** For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

*“Actual enrollment”* means the enrollment determined pursuant to Iowa Code section 257.6(1) “a.”

*“Career academy”* means a program of study as defined in 281—Chapter 46. A course offered by a career academy does not qualify as a regional academy course. A career academy course may qualify as a concurrent enrollment course if it meets the provisions of Iowa Code section 261E.8.

*“Class”* means a course for academic credit that applies toward a high school or community college diploma.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of education.

*“Enrolled”* means that a student has registered with the school district and is taking part in the educational program.

*“Fraction of a school year”* means the product of the minutes per day of class multiplied by the number of days per year the class meets divided by the product of the total number of minutes in a school day multiplied by the total number of days in a school year. All minutes available in a normal day will be used in the calculation.

*“ICN”* means the Iowa Communications Network.

*“Political subdivision”* means a political subdivision in the state of Iowa and includes a city, a township, a county, a public school district, a community college, an area education agency, or an institution governed by the state board of regents (Iowa State University, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa).

*“Project lead the way”* means the nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status that provides rigorous and innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education curriculum founded in fundamental problem-solving and critical-thinking skills while integrating national academic and technical learning standards.

*“Regional academy”* means an educational program established by a school district to which multiple school districts send students in grades 7 through 12. The curriculum will include advanced-level courses and, in addition, may include career-technical courses, Internet-based courses, and coursework delivered via the ICN. Regional academy courses do not qualify as concurrent enrollment courses and do not generate any postsecondary credit. School districts participating in regional academies are eligible for supplementary weighting as provided in Iowa Code section 257.11(2).

*“Superintendent”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.145(15).

*“Supplant”* means the community college’s offering a course that consists of substantially the same concepts and skills as the content of a course provided by the school district or accredited nonpublic school or the community college’s offering a course that is required by the school district or accredited nonpublic school in order to meet the minimum accreditation standards in Iowa Code section 256.11. If a student is unable to earn credit in both courses, then the two courses would be deemed similar enough in content and skills to be defined as supplanting.

*“Supplementary weighting plan”* means a plan as defined in this chapter to add a weighting for each eligible Iowa resident student who is enrolled in an eligible class taught by a teacher employed by another school district or taught by a teacher employed jointly with another school district or sent to and enrolled in an eligible class in another school district or sent to and enrolled in an eligible community college class. The supplementary weighting for each eligible class is calculated by multiplying the fraction of a school year that class represents by the number of eligible Iowa resident students enrolled in that class and then multiplying that figure by the weighting factor established in Iowa Code chapter 257.

*“Teacher”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.145(16).

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