

281—98.12(257,299A) Home school assistance program. The home school assistance program (HSAP) is a program for a specific category of students and is provided outside the basic educational program provided to regularly enrolled students by the school district. If a district offers a home school assistance program, the state foundation aid that the district receives pursuant to Iowa Code section 257.6(1) “a”(5), and any amount designated for this purpose from the flexibility account as described in rule 281—98.27(257,298A), will be expended for purposes of providing the home school assistance program. However, a district may use items and materials purchased for the home school assistance program for other purposes so long as this use does not prevent or interfere with the item’s or material’s use by parents or students utilizing the program.

98.12(1) *Appropriate uses of categorical funding.* Appropriate uses of the home school assistance program funding include the following:

- a. Instruction for students and assistance for parents with instruction.
- b. Services to support students enrolled in a home school assistance program, to support the teaching parents of the students, and to support home school assistance program staff.
- c. Salary and benefits for the supervising teacher of the home school assistance program. If the teacher is a part-time home school assistance program teacher and a part-time regular classroom teacher, then the portion of time that is related to providing the home school assistance program can be charged to the program, but the regular classroom portion cannot.
- d. Salary and benefits for clerical and office staff of the home school assistance program. If the staff member’s employment supports other programs of the school district, only that portion of the staff member’s salary and benefits that is related to providing the home school assistance program can be charged to the program.
- e. Staff development for the home school assistance program teacher.
- f. Travel for the home school assistance program teacher.
- g. Resources, materials, computer software, supplies, equipment, and purchased services (1) that are necessary to provide the services of home school assistance and (2) that will remain with the school district for its home school assistance program.
- h. A copier and computer hardware that support the home school assistance program.
- i. Student transportation exclusively for home school assistance program-approved field trips or other educational activities.

98.12(2) *Inappropriate uses of categorical funding.* Inappropriate uses of the home school assistance program funding include indirect costs or use charges; operational or maintenance costs other than those necessary to operate and maintain the program; capital expenditures other than equipment or the lease or rental of space to supplement existing schoolhouse facilities for the program; student transportation except in cases of home school assistance program-approved field trips or other educational activities; administrative costs other than the costs necessary to administer the program; concurrent and dual enrollment costs, including postsecondary enrollment options program costs; or any other expenditures not directly related to providing the home school assistance program. A home school assistance program shall not provide moneys or resources paid for with this program funding to parents or students utilizing the program. For capital expenditures for lease or rental of classrooms or facilities for this program, the cost will be expended from a capital projects fund. A reimbursement for that cost related to the program will be an interfund transfer to the capital project fund from the program funding.

98.12(3) *Flexibility account.* All or a portion of the amount remaining unexpended and unobligated at the end of a budget year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, may be transferred for deposit into the flexibility account established under Iowa Code section 298A.2, provided all statutory requirements of the home school assistance program have been met, including funding all requests for services and materials from parents or guardians of students eligible to access the program.

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