

**817—11.3(15H) Program eligibility criteria.** The commission and department of education will establish criteria consistent with federal regulations to ensure the alignment of the program with the goals outlined in Iowa Code section 256.9(53) “c” and 281—Chapter 62. Any program determined eligible for inclusion as an Iowa reading corps program must ensure that it meets standards outlined by the department of education in 281—Chapter 62, with the exception of existing early literacy-focused and single school district AmeriCorps programs operating in the 2014-2015 school year. These existing programs, upon request to the commission, will be granted conditional eligibility for inclusion for the 2015-2016 school year to provide adequate time for the programs to be evaluated and to make adjustments deemed necessary for the alignment of the program with the goals outlined in 2015 Iowa Acts, House File 488, section 2. Once a program is granted conditional eligibility, the program will be considered preapproved and eligible for the 2016-2017 application. In subsequent years, all applicants must be preapproved by the department of education as eligible to compete for Iowa reading corps grants.

This rule is intended to implement 2015 Iowa Acts, House File 488, section 2.

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