

281—15.11(256) Conditions under which ILO coursework may be used to satisfy general accreditation requirements.

15.11(1) General. Subject to the exceptions contained in subrules 15.11(2) and 15.11(3), ILO coursework may not be used to meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 256.11(5), which require that specified subjects be offered and taught by a school district or accredited nonpublic school.

15.11(2) Use of ILO for up to two specified subjects. The requirements of subrule 15.11(1) shall not apply if a school district or school demonstrates either of the following conditions:

a. The school district or school makes every reasonable and good faith effort to employ a teacher licensed under Iowa Code chapter 272 for the specified subject and is unable to employ such a teacher.

b. Fewer than ten students typically register for instruction in the specified subject at the school district or school.

15.11(3) Waiver for additional specified subjects. The department may waive for one school year the applicability of Iowa Code section 256.11(5), at its discretion, to additional specified subjects for a school district or accredited nonpublic school that proves to the satisfaction of the department that the school district or school has made every reasonable effort but is unable to meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 256.11(5). A school district or accredited nonpublic school may apply for an annual waiver each year.

15.11(4) Use of private providers. Any specified subject course to which Iowa Code section 256.11(5) does not apply under either subrule 15.11(2) or 15.11(3) shall be provided by ILO if ILO offers the course, unless the course offered by ILO lacks the capacity to accommodate additional students. In that case, the specified subject course may instead be provided by the school district or accredited nonpublic school:

a. Through an online learning platform if the course is developed by the school district or accredited nonpublic school itself, provided the course is taught by an Iowa licensed teacher with online learning experience and the course content is aligned with the Iowa content standards and satisfies the requirements of subrule 15.13(1).

b. Through a private provider utilized to provide the course that meets the standards of subrule 15.13(1) and is approved in accordance with rule 281—15.16(256).

15.11(5) Definition. For purposes of this rule, “good faith effort” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 279.19A(9).

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