

281—15.16(256) Private providers of online coursework.

15.16(1) *School district discretion.* At the discretion of a school board or authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school, after consideration of circumstances created by necessity, convenience, and cost-effectiveness, courses developed by private providers may be utilized by a school district or school in implementing a high-quality online learning program. Courses obtained from private providers shall be taught by teachers licensed under Iowa Code chapter 272.

15.16(2) *Department approval of private providers.* Private providers utilized to provide courses by a school district or accredited nonpublic school in accordance with this chapter shall meet the standards of subrule 15.13(1) and be approved in accordance with this subrule. The department shall establish an application process and review process for courses developed by private providers, including establishing a schedule of opportunities for new course approval applications, which shall be available at least annually, and a review cycle of courses previously approved.

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