

281—15.7(256) School district responsibilities.

15.7(1) General. Any online coursework offered by a school district shall be offered to resident students of the school district, students attending the school district through a sharing agreement with another school district, or students attending the school district pursuant to Iowa Code section 282.18. Online coursework shall be aligned with the Iowa core standards as applicable and shall be taught by a teacher appropriately licensed and endorsed for the educational level and content area being taught. The teacher may be employed directly by the school district or by a third-party provider of the online curricula used by the school district. Teachers employed by the school district shall be subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapters 272, 279, and 284. Teachers employed by a third-party provider shall be subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 272; these teachers must be given access to appropriate professional development by the school district, but otherwise are not subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapters 279 and 284.

15.7(2) Monitoring and supervision. A school district providing educational instruction and course content delivered primarily over the Internet shall do all of the following with regard to such instruction and content:

- a.* Monitor and verify full-time student enrollment, timely completion of graduation requirements, course credit accrual, and course completion.
- b.* Monitor and verify student progress and performance in each course through a school-based assessment plan that includes submission of coursework and security and validity of testing components.
- c.* Conduct parent-teacher conferences.
- d.* Administer assessments required by the state to all students in a proctored setting and pursuant to state law.

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